<u>Campus Ministry Weekly Update</u> <u>May 16, 2022</u>

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

"The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting you to the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the civilization of love."

- St. John Paul II

Joyful Monday!

One week ago today was Commencement Monday. Class of 2022- you did it! After years of hard work, unimaginable challenges, and unexpected blessings along the way you got to celebrate the culmination of it all. Now one week in as an alumni, how do you feel? Which memories have popped to the surface? As you move forward, don't forget to take the lessons learned with you as they will only strengthen your journey. And for those with more time left here- embrace the lessons you're currently learning!

This will be our last update until the new academic year begins in late August. We encourage you to take the time to sit with the Bible and read the writings and lives of the Saints this summer. May the wisdom guide you and meet you wherever you're at in life. New beginnings, even the simple beginning of a new season, require a pause and opening of our eyes and ears to what God wants to reveal to us in this moment.

God Bless, Campus Ministry

A Note from Melissa

I didn't want to take up too much space in the update but after two and a half years of writing messages to you in the weekly updates I did want to share one last note. As most of you know, after five years, my time at Anna Maria is coming to a close as I look to pursue a different dream. However, I think back to my first days here and remember how much coming into this role was truly a dream come true. I am beyond thankful for all I've experienced and learned along the way thanks to so many of you!

I've learned a lot about dreaming these last two years, particularly how dreaming can open you up to a completely new understanding of trust and freedom. There will be twists and turns, painful moments and moments of great joy when you dream, but my prayer is that each of you will boldly open yourselves up to God's plan for your life and all the ways that can change over the years. If you trust Him and dream with Him, you will not be disappointed no matter what the outcome is.

<u>AMCAST</u> <u>Podcast</u>

Listen to Melissa LaNeve & Professor Marc Tumeinski discuss this year's core value; Development of the Whole Person!

If you'd like to stay in touch or follow more of my personal writings feel free to reach out. Thank you again for all the ways you've inspired me!

Blessings, joy, & peace, Melissa

<u>Worship Song</u>

Beautiful Day by Jamie Grace (click above)

This sweet, upbeat song is about being grateful in the present moment, and loving life and the world around you. It talks about trusting that God will care for you and prepare you for anything that might come.

Click here for her full biography.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Her feast day is January 1st. St. Elizabeth, pray for us!