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Proposing Jesus Christ and Forming His Disciples

## GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

What: UCat Gala 2025

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025, 6:00PM

Where: Ascension Hall, Catholic Pastoral Center 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 More Info: universitycatholic.org/gala

You are cordially invited to join us at University Catholic's annual UCat Gala. We are so excited to host this year's event on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The tickets cost \$150 and includes delicious gourmet meal and the opportunity to meet some of our tremendous students, and learn firsthand how UCat has impacted their college experience. You will also have the chance to hear from Bishop Spalding, the UCat Chaplains, and current students. Don't wait to secure your table or ticket(s). You can do so online at universitycatholic.org/gala.

University Catholic (UCat) is the vibrant, highly effective college campus ministry in the Diocese of Nashville. Since its inception in 2006, University Catholic has accompanied thousands of students on their path to holiness by Proposing Jesus Christ and Forming His Disciples. Offering a home away from home, University Catholic encourages and supports students in building a strong Catholic community and authentic friendships.

University Catholic is expanding. Rooted in sacramental life, UCat has a visible presence at 14 campuses throughout the Middle Tennessee area. Starting at Vanderbilt University, University Catholic quickly spread its ministry to Belmont University and eventually other Nashville universities and colleges. In 2019, University Catholic committed itself to establishing new chapters on every campus in the Diocese of Nashville. Over the last 5 years, campuses like Tennessee Tech University, Middle Tennessee State University, and Sewanee have started to flourish and attract new students. As new chapters are added to the ministry, University Catholic continues to support and accompany local campus ministry teams in their work of evangelizing college students.

University Catholic empowers college students to grow in their Catholic faith—rather than abandon it. Our mission—to Propose Jesus Christ and Form His Disciples—drives everything that we do. In addition to providing daily Mass, Adoration and Confession, we organize Bible studies, retreats, mission trips, faith formation and service opportunities. Students are hungry for the Good News of Jesus Christ and to build authentic friendships, now more than ever. University Catholic helps them discover all the riches the Church has to offer.

"UCat is a community that supports, inspires, and forms college students to become the saints they're made to be."

-PATRICK DENEEN, ALUMNUS

"I have seen University Catholic transform into a ministry that loves and cares for its students well. At the heart of this ministry is a group of students who love Jesus and allow Him to lead them. I am honored to work here and look forward to see what else the Holy Spirit has in store."

-JEN MAHR, FORMER FOCUS MISSIONARY AND DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING. STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

"UCat is a Church family that forms, supports, and inspires me daily. UCat's lifelong bond of community reminds me of God's pursuit of me and the urgent need (and wonderful adventure) of seeking sainthood together."

-FAITH NOAH, ALUMNA

"The greatest joy of being in University Catholic is experiencing firsthand the love of Jesus Christ touching hearts and animating souls. When we come to know Christ, we become who we are meant to be."

-MADISON PERRY, BELMONT '25

## Pulpit Announcement / Bulletin Announcement:

All are invited to attend University Catholic's Gala on Saturday, April 5 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. UCat Gala is an event that celebrates all the good happening on college campuses here in Middle Tennessee. You will have the chance to hear from Bishop Spalding, the UCAT Chaplains, and current students. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit, university catholic.org/gala. See bulletin for further information.

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