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at THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

What: UCat Gala

When: Saturday, February 21, 2026, 6:00PM

Where: Ascension Hall, Catholic Pastoral Center
2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

More Info: universitycatholic.org/gala

We would like to cordially invite you to join us for University Catholic's annual UCat Gala. We are thrilled to host our 2026 event on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, where we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of UCat!

Here is what you can expect with your \$150 ticket: passed hors d'oeuvres, 3 course meal, open bar, meet some of our tremendous students, and learn first hand how UCat has impacted their college experience, hear from Bishop Spalding and Rev. Gervan Menezes, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry. Dress code is Business attire. Don't wait to secure your table or ticket(s). You can do so online at universitycatholic.org/gala.

For the first time, we are offering a discounted UCat Alumni Ticket for \$100 to alumni who graduated between 2020-2025.

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Rooted in sacramental life, University Catholic 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 to 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 University of the South, have started to flourish and attract new students to the ministry. 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. 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 year round. 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.

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