



THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Impact Report

2025–2026



Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

The Catholic Church is living through an interesting moment in her history, as Gen Z is increasingly engaging with the faith, and across the country, we are seeing encouraging signs of young people coming to know and embrace Christ. Our campus ministry in Athens, GA, is one part of this larger story. God is deeply moving within the lives and hearts of so many men and women who come to the University of Georgia to study, and their openness to Him allows for a true encounter with His transforming grace.

Our mission is to be a place where UGA students can encounter Christ, experience holy fellowship, grow in formation, and be equipped to live and spread the Gospel during their college years and beyond. At the same time, we are a multigenerational community—a home also to a loving local population that is passionate about the work God is doing here. They come to worship, pray, serve, and connect with one another.

One of the significant challenges we faced last year was the renovation of the Upper Room, our upstairs common space where students hang out, meet for prayer and discussion, and study. Through the resilience of our staff and students, the space is now renewed and better suited for camaraderie and relaxation.

Sacramentally, our community is thriving, with increased Mass attendance, long confession lines, and twice as many people entering the Church at Easter 2026 as the previous year. We continue to see many souls embrace servant leadership, from students leading Bible studies to resident members volunteering at Sunday night dinner. These are beautiful signs of a community that is not simply attending, but actively living its faith.

This Impact Report helps tell the story of what we are accomplishing together. The stories, numbers, ministries, and people represented in these pages are ultimately signs of what God is doing through The Catholic Center and through all those who make this mission possible.

Your prayers, presence, and generosity are part of this mission. You are helping create a place where young adults encounter Christ, discover the beauty of His Church, and learn to carry the Gospel into the world. We are incredibly grateful to the local community, parents, alumni, and so many others who offer their prayerful and financial support.

I cannot thank you enough for journeying with us on mission. Please keep us in your prayers, and may we always keep Christ at the center of all we do.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian McNavish

Spiritual Fruit

WORSHIP

- 228** Sunday Masses
- 196** Daily Masses
- 450** Hours of Eucharistic adoration
- 200** Hours of confession

COMMUNITY

- 750** Students
- 134** Student leaders
- 146** Student ministry events
- 24** Service events (both adult and student)
- 89** New family registrations
- 40** Nights of religious education
- 145** Children in religious education
- 20** Adult socials
- 67** Adult Bible studies

FOCUS

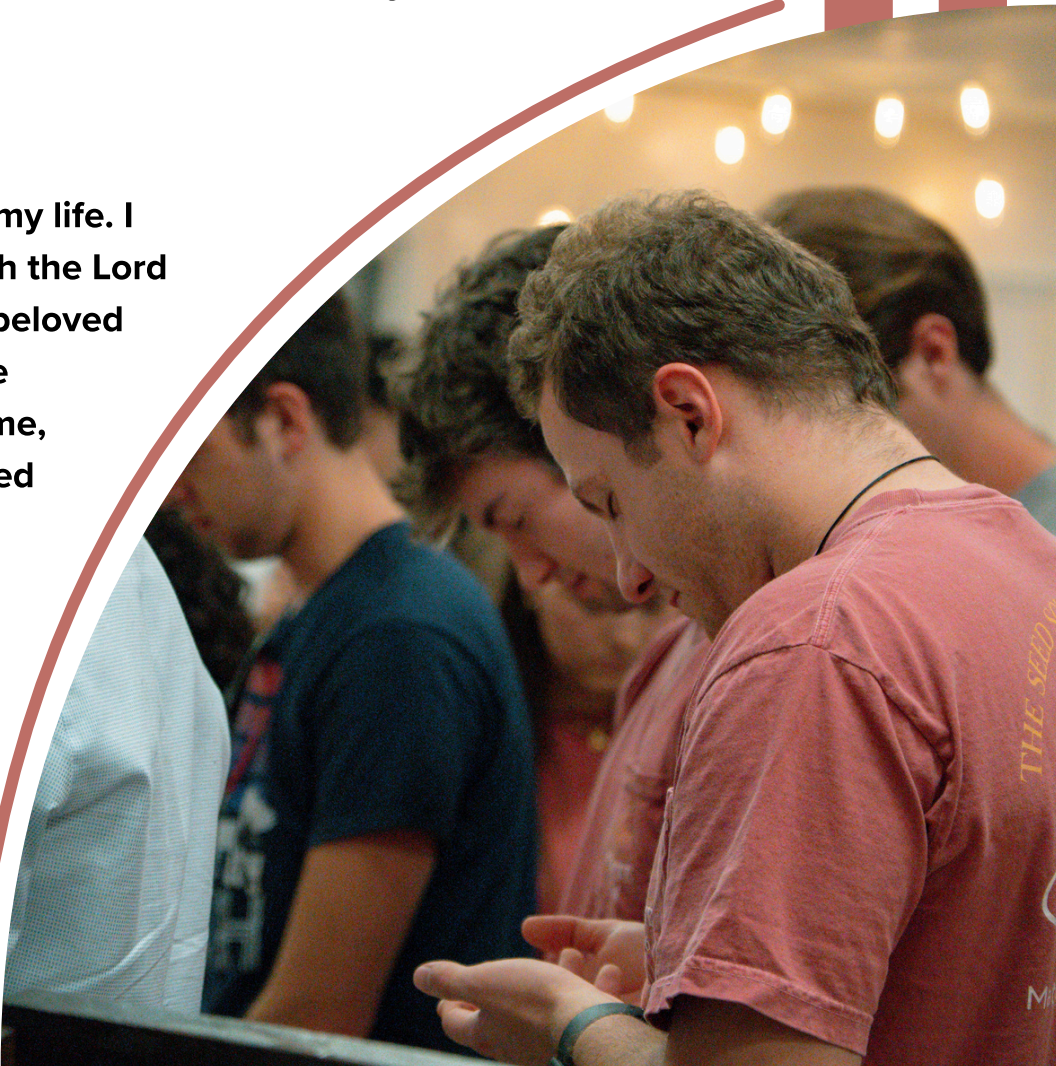
- 376** Students in Bible study
- 122** Students in discipleship
- 76** Students who attended SEEK26
- 16** Students on the Peru mission trip

SACRAMENTS

- 31** Infant/child baptisms
- 28** First communions
- 15** Youth confirmations
- 27** Adult confirmations
- 46** Converts (OCIA)
- 27** Weddings
- 21** Funerals
- 45** Anointing of the sick

“The Catholic Center changed my life. I grew in deeper relationship with the Lord and for the first time felt like a beloved daughter. This is because of the wonderful priests who guided me, the great community who walked with me and encouraged me, and the availability of the sacraments.”

ANNIE GLOECKNER
CATHOLIC DAWG '26





An Upgraded Upper Room

In August 2025, after a surprising discovery, we shut down access to the Upper Room to remediate an environmental hazard. For eight months, we worked with a construction company with environmental expertise, as well as outside contractors, to make the Upper Room a safe space once again for students to study, rest, and socialize.

The original, cozy charm of the Upper Room was maintained while still upgrading and modernizing the area, complete with a new kitchen, flooring, bathroom, lights, and repainted ceilings and walls.

Students celebrated the Upper Room reopening in March 2026 with a pizza party. Many thanks especially to Kathy Bryan and Bob Chirello, our former bookkeeper, for their dedication to this months-long project!



Statement of Activities

INCOME

Offertory	\$794,682
Donations	\$343,524
Catholic Student Association	\$60,454
Other Income	\$164,867
Dooley Classic Golf Tournament	\$47,705
Human Race 5K	\$17,988
Football Parking	\$27,248
Student Parking	\$10,403
FOCUS	\$80,996
Religious Education	\$15,179
AAA Refund	\$9,025
Endowment Contributions	\$4,586
Bequests	\$43,438
Total	\$1,620,095

EXPENSES

Administrative & General	\$308,021
Catholic Student Association	\$79,634
Liturgy	\$253,273
Facilities	\$317,816
Music	\$177,125
FOCUS	\$80,500
Religious Education	\$103,456
Stewardship (Development)	\$24,465
Rectory (Priest Housing)	\$20,280
Archdiocesan Support (Georgia Bulletin)	\$0
Total	\$1,364,570

NET INCOME

Income – Expenses (Net Income)	\$255,525
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“The Catholic Center has played a role in fostering the spiritual lives of our children while providing a safe environment in which to pray and study. Fr. Brian and his predecessors have mentored our children, and to this day, all eight attend Mass, pray the rosary, and devote an hour each day to the Lord. We believe that this would not have happened without the influence of The Catholic Center at UGA.”

DRS. TRAVIS AND KATHRINE
WHITEHEAD
CATHOLIC DAWGS PARENTS



Alms Distributions



ALMS DISTRIBUTIONS

Mental health scholarships (student)	\$25,630
Food insecurity scholarships (student)	\$8,287
Our Daily Bread	\$3,206
Oasis Católico	\$2,500
Feed My Starving Children	\$2,000
Family Promise of Athens	\$1,154
Snack pantry	\$1,099
Hardship assistance	\$1,055
Knights of Columbus	\$1,000
Extra Special People	\$1,000
The Sparrow's Nest	\$1,000
UGA ROTC	\$750
Foster & Adoption Ministry	\$535
UGA Vet Med Open House	\$300
Denny Towers	\$276
Total	\$49,792

“The food scholarship from The Catholic Center has impacted my overall quality of life and my spiritual life. With better access to nourishing meals, I have a more balanced schedule between school and work, which gives me time to pursue the Lord and community day-to-day.”

ANONYMOUS FOOD SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT



"HOW VERY
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IN UNITY!"

PSALM 133:1



Support Our Mission

ONLINE GIVING

Donating online is the easiest way to set up and manage a one-time or recurring gift. Make your support of our mission go farther by opting to donate via ACH transfer so you and we can avoid credit card transaction fees.

CASH/CHECK

Give cash or write out a check payable to The Catholic Center at UGA. You may bring it to the Center office, put it in the offertory basket at Mass, or mail it to 1344 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30605.

BEQUESTS

Leave a legacy of faith at The Catholic Center by making a planned gift of cash or property in your will. Bequests are an easy, flexible, and popular method of planned giving.

STOCK

When you donate your appreciated stock directly to The Catholic Center, our ministry receives the full value of your gift, and you can avoid paying capital gains tax.

IRA QCD

If you are 70.5 years of age or older, you can direct up to \$111,000 to The Catholic Center from your IRA. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) maximizes your giving, lowers your taxable income, and minimizes your tax liability.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about ways to give, including endowments, donor advised funds, and corporate match, and to learn more about the different giving options available, please visit our website at ugacatholic.org/giving or email Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org.



Scan the QR code
below to read
“Magnify,” our latest
magazine published in
spring 2026.



Thank you, Father Michael!

In July 2026, we said goodbye to Fr. Michael Bremer, who was relocated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and the University of West Georgia campus ministry in Carrollton. From fall 2022 to spring 2026, Fr. Michael inspired hundreds of people with his homilies, accompanied souls in spiritual direction, and faithfully shepherded our students and community. We are deeply thankful for his love, care, humor, service, and sacrifices that touched so many lives at The Catholic Center.



Fr. Michael led a Eucharistic procession around the UGA campus on February 24, 2026. Here, he carries the Blessed Sacrament past Snelling Dining Commons, his favorite dining hall when he was a student at the university.

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Get Involved

Serve

STUDENT-SPECIFIC MINISTRIES

Ignite
Ablaze
Seeking Water
Special Events
Retreat
Marketing
Service
Wellspring Band

Multicultural
Outreach
Men's & Women's
Community
FOCUS
Thomistic Institute
Altar Servers

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Silver Angels
Social Graces
Creative Hands Crafting Group
Knights of Columbus
Men's & Women's Bible Study
Our Daily Bread
Grief and Bereavement Group
Catholic Social Teaching Group
Mass Coordinators
Lectors and Music Liturgy
OCIA Volunteers and Sponsors

Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday Night Dinner
Finance Committee
Money Counters
Religious Education and Teen
Catechists
Feed My Starving Children
Funeral Reception Committee
Wedding Coordinators
5K and Golf Committees
Communion to the Homebound
Foster & Adoption Ministry

Pray

MASS

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5pm
Monday–Thursday: 5:30pm
Friday (communion service): 8am
Saturday: 5pm (not on home game weekends)

CONFESSION

Monday: 4–5pm
Tuesday: 4–5pm
Wednesday: 4–5pm
Saturday: 3:30–4:30pm (not on home game weekends)

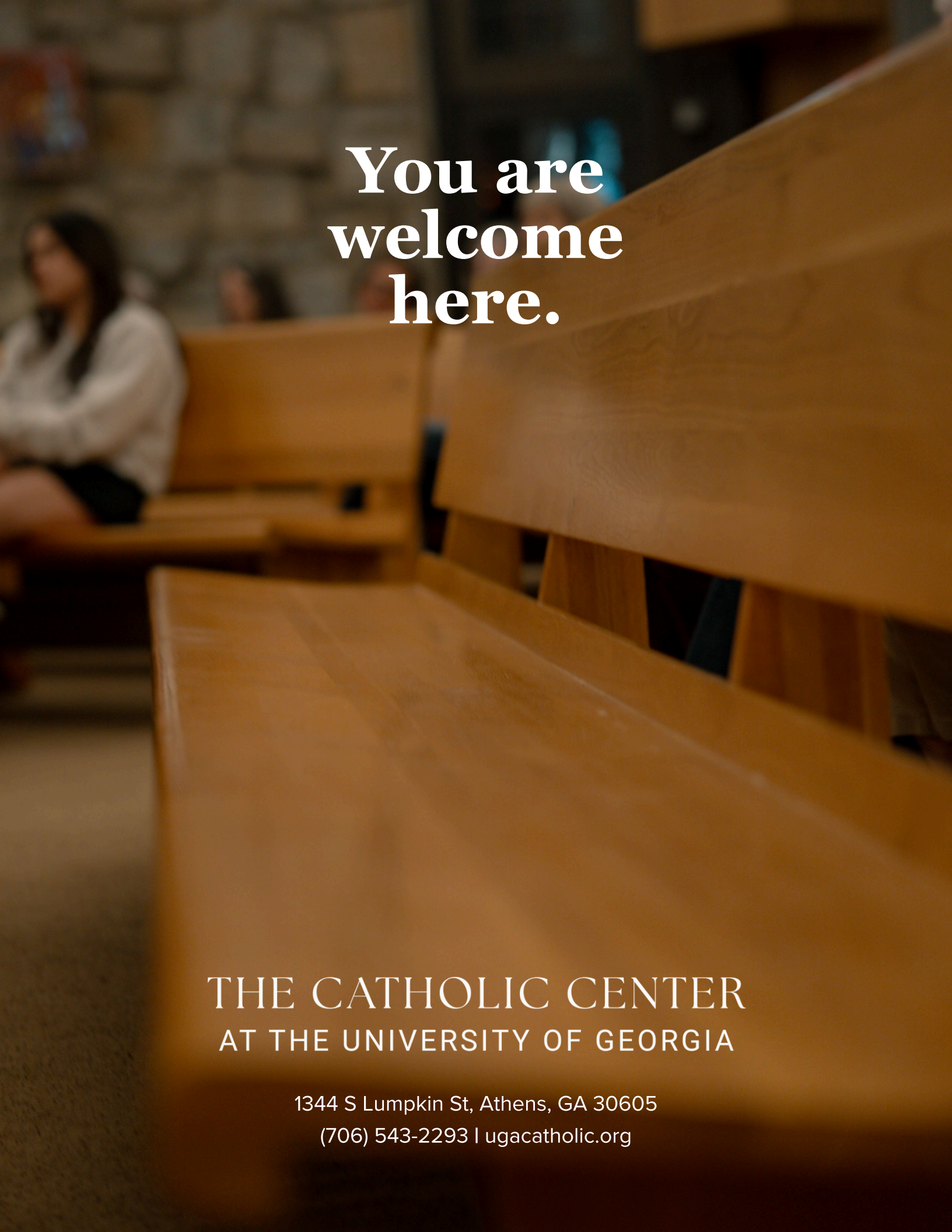
ADORATION

Monday: 9am–5pm
Tuesday: 9–10am
Wednesday: 9–10am
Thursday: 9am–5pm
Friday: 8:30–9:30am

Give

Scan the QR code to learn about the different ways you can support our mission at The Catholic Center.



A photograph of a church interior, featuring rows of light-colored wooden pews. In the background, a person is seated on a pew, slightly out of focus. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a welcoming atmosphere.

**You are
welcome
here.**

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