

AVE MARIA CHAPEL AT DOMINO'S FARMS



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BULLETIN

AMU Receives Regional Academic Accreditation

June 24, 2010 will always be a significant date in the history of Ave Maria University (AMU). On this date, the Commission on Colleges (COC) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) announced that AMU had officially been awarded "accredited membership" status, which means it now has regional accreditation.

This accreditation will provide opportunities for the university to



continue to grow and be eligible to further enhance and expand its programs to better serve its current and future students. The COC has au-

thorized AMU to grant accredited bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees.

SACS membership will directly benefit AMU students, especially those planning to enter post-graduate programs. Though AMU has been accredited by the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE)

since 2008, some graduate programs accept only alumni of regionally accredited schools.

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AN OUTREACH TO THE ANN ARBOR / YPSILANTI COMMUNITY FROM
AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY

Grads from Father Gabriel Richard H.S. Thriving at Ave

Included among the several hundred students that will attend Ave Maria University (AMU) this fall are a few of our own young Catholics from the Ann Arbor area. Father Gabriel Richard High School (FGR) graduates Miriam “Mimi” Loveland and Leslie Nagel will be returning to AMU in August, and Lauren Peters will begin her first semester. Loveland and Nagel have been thriving at AMU and are enjoying their college experience.

Mimi Loveland, who is a member of the basketball team received both the President’s Award and the Gyrene Award during her freshman year. The President’s Award is given to the student with the highest GPA, and the Gyrene Award honors a student athlete who excels in the areas of spirituality, leadership, academics and athletics. Loveland is currently spending the summer in Spain as a candidate of the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother, but she is looking forward to returning to AMU this fall.

Leslie Nagel is a literature major who has been very active at AMU through the school’s Pro-Life Club

and also as a member of her “household” (which is similar to a Christian fraternity or sorority). She notes that she was originally attracted to AMU because of “the spiritual, community and academic opportunities the University offers its students.” She appreciates the fact that the Sacraments are readily available and that the student body at AMU is joyful, friendly, fun and faith-filled.

As a FGR graduate, Nagel felt well prepared for the rigors of AMU’s academics. “Ave Maria is academically challenging,” she said. “I am able to see that [FGR] served as an excellent foundation for my academic experience at Ave.” She added, “I recommend AMU to the student who wishes to understand Western tradition and thought, wants to be academically challenged, and desires to make life-long friendships in a faith-filled community.”

While both Loveland and Nagel have already spent some time at Ave Maria experiencing its exciting and encouraging environment, Lauren Peters will be starting her freshman year this fall. She explained that she decided to attend AMU primarily for three reasons: AMU’s environment, which is conducive to growing in the Catholic faith; AMU’s



Student-athlete Miriam Loveland won both the President’s Award and the Gyrene Award during her freshman year.

academics, in which students learn to think and are ready to be employed upon graduation; and AMU’s basketball program, where she will have an opportunity to compete at the collegiate level.

Peters said that for her, the bottom line is that, “being surrounded by like-minded students and faculty will provide the support and encouragement to...learn more about our faith...and strengthen virtuous attitudes and behavior. Ultimately this will lead me to stronger relationships with others and, most importantly, with God.”

In addition to their regular financial aid packages, all three girls received the additional \$3,000 (per year) Father Gabriel Richard Scholarship by virtue of being FGR alumnae. This is a scholarship available to all FGR graduates who are accepted at AMU. For further



Literature major, Leslie Nagel, taking part in AMU’s 2010 March for Life.

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resident's Award and Gyrene Award.

information on being a student at Ave Maria University visit www.avemaria.edu/admissions or call (877) 283-8648.



New FGRHS grad, Lauren Peters, will start at AMU this fall.

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30 am	Faith & Culture	- Fiat for the Earth - Peter Herbick (9:30) - Fiat for the Journey - Sr. Ann Shields (9:45)					Journeys Home (8:00-7:00)
7:00 am	Light of the East	SON RISE MORNING SHOW LIVE with Brian Patrick					Radio Adventures
7:30 am	Vatican Insider	CATHOLIC CONNECTION WITH TERESA TOMEO (Michigan 8:50-10:00, Florida 9:30-10:30)					Adventures in Obscurity
8:00 am	Sunday Mass LIVE	LIVE Call in Toll-Free: 877.573.7825					Family Theater Classics
8:30 am	Without God Weeps	- Fiat for the Journey - Sr. Ann Shields (10:00) - Fiat for the Earth - Peter Herbick (10:15)					Dwelling Life
9:00 am	The World Over (8:00am Presentation)	- Christian Classics - Theresa Mohr (10:30) - Stories from the Heart - Sandra McDevitt (10:45)					Veterans Radio Hon. Roger Dale Daily Life
9:30 am	This World Over (8:00am Presentation)	CHRIST IS THE ANSWER With Fr. John Riccardo					Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon (8:00am Presentation)
10:00 am	Christ is the Answer Fr. John Riccardo (8:00am Presentation)	Heart, Mind & Strength - Greg & Lisa Popcak LIVE - Call in Toll-Free: 877.573.7825					The Advocate Gene Ulman & Fr. Michael O'Neil
11:00 am	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	THE DOCTOR IS IN Dr. Ray Guarendi & Colleen Mast - LIVE - Call in Toll-Free: 877.573.7825					St. Joseph's Radio Presents
11:30 am	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	OPEN LINE • Call Toll-Free: 800.585.9396					The Good Fight Barbara McGowan
12:00 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	KRESTA in the Afternoon LIVE Call Toll-Free: 877.573.7825					The Major Religious Orders
1:00 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	CATHOLIC ANSWERS Host: Patrick Coffey LIVE - Call in Toll-Free: 888.318.7884					The Choices We Face Rene Mero
1:30 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	The Journey Home Marie Green LIVE					Christ is the Answer Fr. John Riccardo (8:00am Presentation)
2:00 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	Mother Angelica: Classic Episodes					Putting On the Mind of Christ Henry Rad (8:00am Presentation)
2:30 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	Life on the Rock LIVE					Light of the East
3:00 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	The World Over Richard Araya LIVE					The Journey Home Marie Green (8:00am Presentation)
3:30 pm	Best of... KRESTA in the Afternoon	Notes from Above Tom Luecke Sr. Susan Burke (8:00am Presentation)					Notes from Above Tom Luecke Sr. Susan Burke (8:00am Presentation)
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Accreditation (...Continued from Page 1)

SACS is one of six regional accrediting associations that accredit institutions of higher education in the U.S. Membership also will impact university funding. AMU will now be eligible to receive additional foundation grants and increased federal and state resources, allowing the institution to improve and expand programs for students.

University Founder and Chancellor Thomas S. Monaghan received the

news with excitement and appreciation. "We have been looking forward to this day for many years," Monaghan said. "As an institution of higher education, we set out to receive regional accreditation for the good of everyone associated with the university, and it is very gratifying to receive this recognition. We are excited about what this means for our alumni and the entire university community, especially our students."

Profiling Our Local Shepherds

Fr. Nabil Habchi

Fr. Nabil Habchi recently came to the U.S. to join his brother priests in serving at the Domino's Farms Chapel and assisting at local Maronite parishes while studying English. He recently commented on his first impressions of the Chapel Community.

"I was very impressed by the kindness, politeness and sincerity of the people in general," he said, "and by the commitment of the faithful people who attend the Masses...I felt

welcomed. I found a faithful people who listen to the Word of God."

Fr. Nabil was born and raised in Dair Al-Ahmar, Baalbak, in Lebanon, the sixth of five boys and four girls. He experienced his call to the priesthood in 1986 after working as a construction contractor for several



years. When he was 27, God led him to seek the priesthood through a youth organization at his parish. One day, a monk gave a testimony about

his own vocation, which led Fr. Nabil to the Order of the Maronite Monks of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

When asked if he had any favorite Saints, Fr. Nabil expressed that he has a particular devotion to St. Rita, patron saint of the impossible, and St. Theresa, patron of missionary priests. In his free time, Fr. Nabil enjoys traveling, walking, cooking, and reading.

HOW TO CONTINUE YOUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID FROM AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY

- AMU has rolling admissions, so it's not too late to apply for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Financial aid is currently available.
- If you're interested, visit AMU online at: www.avemaria.edu/admissions

Or call: 877-283-8648

Ave Maria Chapel Schedule

MASS: Mon.- Fri. 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.
Sat. 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
(Catholic Men's Mass, Tues. 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast and presentation)

CONFESSION: Mon.- Fri. 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

(Confession also available by request on weekdays before Noon Mass)

DEVOTIONS:

- Morning and Evening Prayer: Mon.- Fri. 8:30 a.m., 4:45 p.m.
- Adoration: Mon.- Fri. 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross: Fri. 12:30 p.m.

Chapel Collections Update

- Gifts during June: \$2,583.18
- Year to Date: \$14,257.37

Chapel operating costs are currently \$19,000 per month (\$228,000 annualized). Your tax-deductible donations are invaluable in helping to offset the expense of keeping up a full schedule of liturgies and devotions. So we want you to be fully informed of the amount of gifts received. Our sincerest thanks for your continuing generosity.