



## **A Message from the Diocese of Richmond**

Dear Catholic Campus Ministry,

My name is Andrew Waring, and I serve the Diocese of Richmond as the Director of Evangelization, the office that oversees Campus Ministry. I am writing to you today to inform you that at the end of this academic year Father Peter Nassetta will be returning to the Diocese of Arlington for assignment there. Father Peter has been the Chaplain at JMU for the past eight years, and we are grateful for his priestly ministry and time of service. He will be with the ministry through the end of the academic year. Below you can find a message from Father Peter about his departure. Questions can be directed to the JMU Campus Ministry staff.

God bless,

Andrew Waring

## **A Message from Father Peter**

Dear Friends,

One of our student athletes said to me only a few days ago, “you need to tell me if you are going in to the transfer portal!” I thought to myself that a priest is ALWAYS in the portal, we just don’t know when God will call us to a new ministry.

I have been blessed to serve as a college campus chaplain at 3 different universities covering 30 of my 35 years as a priest! I spent 6 years at Marymount University in Arlington, 16 years at George Mason University and now the past 8 years here at JMU. I love campus ministry and I especially love spending time with so many young people during such an important time in your lives. I have been continually humbled and inspired by your openness and the trust you have placed in me as your priest



and chaplain. You have encouraged me and challenged me in so many ways. It is amazing to see students hungry for God while living in the midst of a world that often tries to discourage them from making the faith an important part of their lives.

As a priest, I have promised to serve wherever and however God calls me. God is calling me to serve in an assignment in the Diocese of Arlington. What that assignment is will most likely be announced near the end of May.

While it is very difficult for me to leave JMU, I assure you that I am at peace and confident this is God's will.

Thank you so much for your prayers during this time of transition and know that you are in mine as well. Never forget:  
GO Dukes begins with GOD!

Love & Prayers,

Fr. Peter Nassetta