

BC STM

Student Organizations

STM Student Forum

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The Student Forum is a council of representatives from the STM student body comprised of elected officers and appointed group coordinators. These student representatives work with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to enhance and enliven STM community life through coordination and funding of student programs; providing a forum for discussions of academic and student life policies, curriculum, community life and formation; and acting as a liaison between STM students, administration and faculty.

Signature Initiatives:

- Opening barbecue at Faber Jesuit Community in late August or early September
- Apple picking in late September or early October (Social Organizing Committee)
- Safe space brunches (Gaudete)
- Fall symposium and spring conference (Lumen et Vita)
- Interreligious worship experiences (approx. three per semester) (Interreligious Engagement Group)
- Día de los Muertos altar (Corazón Latinx)
- Spanish Masses, particularly All Saints and Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses (Corazon Latinx)
- Imago Dei conference in October (Women's Group)
- Eschaton Week, a series of activities held at the end of the spring semester. Popular events of Eschaton Week in the past have included a block of tickets for STM students at a Red Sox game, a tour of Harpoon Brewery (with free pretzels!), Zumba, trivia, a field day, a trip to virtual reality at Boda Borg, a barbecue with a gelato truck, and hiking trips.

Corazon Latinx

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Corazón Latinx is a cultural affinity group for Latin@s and Latin American students that supports cultural events and discussions on theology from a Latin American and US Latin@ perspective. Past

events have included hosting movie nights and discussions, organizing Spanish worship services, and celebrating Dia de Los Muertos, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other cultural feast days.

Evangelium

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Evangelium (Latin for “Gospel,” “Good News”) exists to win young hearts by the incomparable, merciful, divinizing love of Jesus Christ. We hope to be co-travelers on the via caritatis that is Jesus Christ, centering our community around love of God and neighbor (Matt 22:36-40). We therefore aim to form missionary disciples whose love delights in the truth, bears fruit worthy of repentance, and sends them out to joyfully proclaim the Good News to all peoples, especially to the young (1 Cor 13:6; Matt 3:8; Matt 28:16-20). More plainly, our primary mission is to convert young adults at Boston College to the Way that is Christ, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

We believe that evangelization is incomplete apart from truth, thanksgiving, and justice. Evangelium therefore offers resources for ongoing formation, including lectures and spiritual workshops; communal worship, particularly in the form of eucharistic adoration and fellowship nights; and charity, especially on behalf of the homeless and unborn. We collaborate with the Archdiocese and other Catholic groups across the city to cultivate a city-wide community of believers.

We are happily Catholic and wish to attract people to salvation in Christ through the Church. In no way, however, does this diminish our desire for interdenominational encounter. We enthusiastically invite the participation and collaboration of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters. You can read more about us and subscribe to our newsletter at sites.google.com/view/evangelium-stm.

Faith, Peace and Justice Coalition

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The question is not whether we will live out a public faith but how. This student group is committed to providing the STM community with resources for prayer, education, advocacy, and action around issues that impact our global community and that call for a gospel response, especially immigration, climate change, racism, the upcoming election, and justice for the LGBTQ community. The group is committed to facilitating constructive dialogue that can serve as a bridge across various positions on these critical issues as together we search for just and peaceful responses to these contemporary needs. This year, the coalition implemented the STM's #CareforCreationLent initiative and co-sponsored the screening of two films from the New Immigrant and Refugee Visions film series.

Gaudete

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Gaudete is the STM extension of the greater lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) and ally resources at Boston College. We are a welcoming and affirming community of STM students, which recognizes the dignity of each person and seeks to enrich acceptance of diverse gender and sexual identities at the STM. We provide a space for hope, witness, and dialogue for all students. We celebrate inclusivity through fellowship, discussion, workshops and events sponsorship at the STM and beyond.

Signature Initiatives:

- Safe Space Brunches
- Academic Conference
- LGBTQ Ally Workshop

Interreligious Engagement Group

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The STM Interreligious Engagement Group seeks to provide students with information and awareness about the importance of interreligious engagement by providing chances to explore ecumenical and interfaith opportunities at Boston College and in the greater Boston community. Throughout the year, we strive to host interfaith and ecumenical discussion groups, lectures, and "Interfaith Journeys" to visit worship services and sacred spaces around Boston.

During COVID-19, we continue to find ways to share information that is interfaith related with the STM community via the STM newsletter as well as continuing to plan opportunities to engage the STM community on interfaith topics and matters virtually and collaboratively.

Lumen et Vita

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Lumen et Vita is the student academic journal of the School of Theology and Ministry (STM) at Boston College. We are delighted to publish yearly the research, reflection, and reviews of our peers, from the many diverse areas of theology represented at the school.

Through this publication, we hope to bring this exceptional work to a wider audience. At an initial level, we intend to increase fellow STM students' knowledge of the scholarship being done outside of

their own specialty, thereby allowing us here at the STM to benefit from the rich variety of our school. At a further level, we hope that it may contribute to the interdisciplinary conversation at Boston College and in the larger academic world, and may demonstrate once more how mutually illuminating the interaction can be between Catholic theology, the academy, and the wider culture.

Another significant benefit of this publication is the opportunity for students to go through the formal process of sharing their work with the theological community. This opportunity is not limited to the publication, as Lumen et Vita also coordinates colloquia and symposia at the STM where this opportunity for exchange occurs in other formats.

Prison Ministry Initiative

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The Prison Ministry Initiative (PMI) group at BC STM provides support for students and other members of the STM community involved in prison ministry. Members of our group minister at multiple institutions, including Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Framingham, MA, and Suffolk County House of Correction in South Boston. We have varying degrees of experience, ranging from members who have been ministering for over 10 years to those who are interested in prison ministry but have not had the chance to be involved yet.

Our on-site ministry might include joining inmates for a common Mass, leading communion services, or visiting people in solitary confinement. PMI offers members a chance to reflect together on this ministry. We meet for potluck dinners three times per semester, which includes time for reflection and prayer led by one of our members. We are grateful to be able to create a space for our members to reflect on both the challenges and blessings encountered in prison ministry. New members are always welcome to join.

Social Organizing Committee

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The Social Organizing Committee (SOC) organizes gatherings on and off-campus for faculty, staff, and students to deepen and enhance the social life of the STM. Such gatherings have included apple picking, the Great STM Bake Off, the Taste of the STM, and rosary making. We work in collaboration with student organization groups, and one of our big projects is to help facilitate Eschaton Week at the end of the spring semester. We put the SOC in social!

STM Border Encounter Delegation

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Every year, the STM alternates between sending a delegation to El Salvador or to the US/Mexico Border. The Border Encounter Delegation is an opportunity to deepen and expand one's understanding of migration and to wrestle with the historical, theological, social, political, and emotional aspects that intimately influence the current reality. Throughout the year, the group will have pre-immersion meetings, fundraisers, a post-immersion retreat, and a week-long Encounter in El Paso/Juarez along the US/Mexico Border. Together, the group journeys on a year-long pilgrimage of encounter, discerning how to live into a faith that does justice.

STM Dialogues

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The STM Dialogues is an annual event which aims to create a brave space that brings to life the sacred stories of our faith journeys. Loosely following a different uniting theme each year, it facilitates a "conversation" between faculty and students on the connections between narrative, embodiment, theology, and ministry. The Dialogues welcomes submissions in narrative prose, poetry, or visual art, as well as multilingual pieces and multi-writer submissions. Each selected written piece will be assigned to one or more performers in consultation with the author. In collaboration with student directors, the performers will share their interpretations of the written pieces at the STM Dialogues for two nights in the Spring semester. All submissions will remain anonymous. We look forward to hearing and sharing our stories with each other and to finding God speaking the very embodiment of our lives.

Women's Group

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The STM Women's Group seeks to provide a community for all students, faculty, staff, and alumnae who identify as female. We strive to promote greater inclusivity by uplifting, empowering, and celebrating the voices of women and other globally marginalized persons. Working from a feminist model of leadership, we aspire to create inclusive spaces for dialogue, to facilitate community and collaboration with other STM groups, and to foster an equal educational environment.

Signature Initiatives:

- Women's Social (Spring and Fall semesters)
- Imago Dei conference co-sponsors with the BTI
- Women's Winter Retreat
- Spiritual Companionship

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- Faculty-Student Mentoring Groups

Jesuit Liaison

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The Jesuit Liaison serves as the primary representative between the Faber Jesuit Community and the various student organizations, particularly the Student Forum. The liaison helps organize two main events: the Super Bowl Party and the end-of-the-year cookout. The liaison helps with finding priests for student organizations, Masses, and events. The liaison also serves as an open ear for lay students to communicate with the community superior or with the community at large.

Ministry in Color

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We recognize that so often, pastoral ministry and the study of theology can operate in a white space, informed by white culture; for those of us who don't fit in this mold or don't want to fit in this mold, working to create change can be exhausting. We hope that this group is a space of intentionality where we can challenge the default mode, supported by a community. Ministry in Color seeks to share, reflect, and grow as ministers of color and ministers in communities of color in order to support one another, learn from the rich history of our multicolored Church, and discern practical ways to navigate the diverse communities in which we live and with whom we work. We look forward to welcoming you!