

# LYKE HOUSE

## THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT AUC

Spring 2016 Newsletter



### Message From The Chaplain— Fr. Urey P. Mark

My dear friends, in this Spring Edition of the Lyke House Newsletter, I want to share with you our excitement about the great prospects of Lyke House as we celebrate 25 years of the Catholic Student Center at the Atlanta University Center (AUC). We have been blessed to collaborate and serve the AUC family especially, students from Clark Atlanta University, Spelman and Morehouse College from 1991 to 2016.

In this edition, Lyke House Alumni and Council Members Jean and Juan Johnson will introduce you to the spirit of the new chapter in the history of the Lyke House. I will then share with you what we are doing in terms of spirituality and discipleship in campus ministry at Lyke House. Dr. Kevin Johnson our Director for Music and Liturgy will share our vision for the coming years as we expand the Bowman Scholars Program from five to seven students. An expansion not just in numbers but also in purpose. "The Bowman Scholars will continue to focus on Liturgical Music and training, faith development, and community service, while incorporating an educational component offering our students the opportunity to share their musical gifts with children and youth through providing musical training and mentoring."

Our Student Ministry Assistant Program will be expanded from the traditional three to five students to effect a robust out reach and peer evangelization at the Atlanta University Center. The expansion of these two programs will not just strengthen our core group for faith formation and peer evangelization but will also provide scholarship support for these students who come from diverse backgrounds and really need our support. Our goal for all of this is sowing the seed of Christian Stewardship. Therefore developing their Faith now, is developing our Faith for the Future.

That is why as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Catholic Center at AUC, we are excited to inaugurate this spring golf tournament as an annual event and community activity to keep you our friends and friends of our friends connected with the Lyke House and its mission at the AUC that impacts the world.

I am grateful to all of you for your generosity and support to this tournament whose goal is to raise \$10,000.00 to subsidize these expansion. Special thanks to our dear Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory and Msgr. Edward Branch for their tremendous support and love for the students and the Lyke House. My deep appreciation and thanks to our Advisory Council, the Alumni, the friends of Lyke House, the Chancery staff and all our friends from Atlanta, St. Louis, and Iowa.

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### 25th Anniversary

The Lyke House as it is called was named after Archbishop James Patterson Lyke, the fourth Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The Lyke House is the only Catholic Newman Center in the world named in his honor and contains Archbishop Lyke's crozier, chalice, art works, albums, and vestments, a living legacy for him.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Lyke House (1991-2016) and the 17th anniversary of our new multipurpose center we invite you to the Lyke House Friends and Family Dedication Mass on Oct. 16, 2016 at 10:30 am. Our Celebrant is our dear Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory. This year our theme is: "A Time to Remember" Coming Together and Giving Back. Hope to see you there.

# Spirituality and Discipleship

## In Campus Ministry at Lyke House

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you!" When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

**"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."**  
John 20:19-20

For those who are familiar with Campus Ministry, you will agree with me that our world today is full of many challenges that are in competition with each other for our young people's attention. These challenges have their own voices and consume time, energy and resources. One of such challenges is how to manage time appropriately with freedom and responsibility. How to make a delicate balance of time in their studies, social life, relationships, family, work (for some), sports, and still find time for God?

In this new chapter of the Lyke House, I am inspired by our students' desire to learn their faith, practice their faith and to share their faith by engaging one another, praying for the needs of others, asking me to pray for their specific intentions, as well as, coming to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, celebrating the Eucharist and reaching out to others.

The opportunity to have a beautiful facility like the Lyke House where our students and their friends can congregate, not just for studies or recreation but to pray and respond to that deep desire to be close to God is amazing.

This year, the Easter experience was special and exceptional for the students, and all of us who participated. It was the apex of our spiritual journey together at the Lyke House. In his faith sharing, Myles Logan, a Catholic Student and Ministry Assistant says: "Overall I could say that my Easter Triduum Experience was great. This was the second time in my life that I participated in the Easter Triduum. I really enjoyed worshipping with my Lyke House brothers and sisters. I see the Easter Triduum as a time to grow spiritually, appreciate what our savior Jesus Christ has done for us and a time to learn some church history and the source of our Catholic Tradition. During the Easter Triduum I was able to experience all of that. My favored thing is learning more Church history because I like to know why the Church practices certain traditions."

Jaleesa Schoolfield, a Lyke House Bowman Scholar says: "Before being a Bowman Scholar at the Lyke House, I was a staff singer at a Catholic Church in Atlanta. As I am not a Catholic, I did not understand many of the practices. They

were not explained during service and I did not bother to try and figure them out. This year the Lyke House served as a place of teaching, it allowed me to have a better understanding of Catholic rites, rituals and traditions. The Lyke House is a place that allows me to minister, be ministered to and worship in a safe space. I am grateful for my experience."

In her sharing, Olivia Freeman, a junior at Clark Atlanta University, Sociology Major and a Ministry Assistant at Lyke House says the following about her Easter Triduum Experience. "This spring semester was my first semester serving as a ministry assistant at the AUC Lyke House Catholic Center. I grew up in the Catholic Church and the Easter season was extremely important to me because it was a time of preparation and renewal of my faith. Since my freshman year, I had been searching for a church home and this semester was the first time I had one to spend the Easter season with. Not only did I have church family to spend it with but I was able to be a part of the planning for the Lyke House Church community. Fr. Mark played an especially important role in my Easter Triduum because he used it as a teaching experience to further educate us on the traditions of the Catholic Church. The most enjoyable part of my Easter Triduum was the feast we had on Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It allowed us to come together as a church family and simply enjoy each other's presence while also enjoying great food!

As a Catholic Priest and the Chaplain for Lyke House, one of my primary responsibilities has been to create an environment where faith formation and encounter with the Lord can take place. I realized that not all our students at the Lyke House were Catholics. Therefore, there was a need to respond to this pastoral situation because they are all God's children and God has a purpose and destiny for each of them. I wanted to get to know each student, their journey, their story, their faith encounter and how they are doing. To achieve this goal, Dr. Kevin Johnson and I designed the Team Ministry Faith Formation Evening. We pray the psalms either sung or recited, followed by a scripture reading, silence, faith sharing based on the reading or a specific theme. Each student is invited to share by mutual invitation by another student. The goal was to develop a spirituality of prayer and faith sharing where students take turns to lead and can have a sacred encounter with the Lord and each other. We got to know and encountered one another in a sacred space of mutual sharing, knowing that the Lord is in our midst.

**"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."**



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## Vision for the Bowman Scholar Program

Greetings!

This has been an awesome year of ministry at the Lyke House. I want to thank every person who has participated in liturgy during Fr. Mark's inaugural year of ministry in the AUC. We are blessed to have such a spiritual giant and dear brother in Fr. Mark and I want to extend a word of congratulations and thank you to him for leading us through a blessed year. I have seen the spiritual growth in our team of students and am excited to partner with them in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we serve the AUC and surrounding communities. After retiring from service at Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church two years ago, I had not planned to be in church ministry but God called me back into service through Father Mark in a way that was undeniable, spiritually inspired and easy to accept. I have partnered with Fr. Mark to serve the students of the AUC and we have experienced great pleasure through building up the family of student ministers at the Lyke House and look forward to continued growth and love in the upcoming academic year. My decision to be of service to the Lyke House has proven to be the right choice for me.

The vision that I have for the Lyke House in the coming year(s) is to expand the Bowman Scholars ministry in number and in purpose. The Bowman Scholars will continue to focus on liturgical music and training, faith development, and community service. In addition, I intend to incorporate an educational component offering our students the opportunity to share their musical gifts with children and youth through providing musical training and mentoring. The Bowman Scholars have been and will continue to be the driving force for liturgical music and worship at the

Lyke House and I intend to continue to strengthen this ministry by selecting scholars who are musically astute, spiritually connected and dedicated to the development of liturgical music and ministry at the Lyke. Our goal is quality liturgy for each and every worship experience. The Lyke House intends to create a model of worship that can instruct and inspire all who attend.

I intend to help The Lyke House become a primary source for African American liturgical music and education by developing our very own Lyke House Publishing solely dedicated to publishing written and recorded music of our church. We will engage the Catholic community in liturgical workshops, concerts, retreats, and liturgical services with a focus on Catholic (Universal) music, spirituality, history, and new music. We will engage young people in musical training with the intent to help the Catholic community train its future liturgical musicians. My hope is to create an annual summer workshop for training high school students for ministry as liturgical musicians.

I also intend to partner with Lyke House Publishing to be the sole publisher of my written music. Happy summer to all!

Dr. Kevin Johnson  
Director of Music and Liturgy  
Lyke House Catholic Center at AUC





To the Seniors that have built, revitalize, and strengthen their faith as part of the Lyke House community.

We thank God for the gift of each of you to the Lyke House, your family, the larger society and the world. Please know that God has chosen you from the world, and have appointed you "to go out and bear fruit, fruits that will last." Let Christ light shine in you so that your light will shine wherever you go.

## Full Circle

Greetings Lyke House Supporters, Friends, Students and Parents,

We are entering an exciting new chapter of the Lyke House and Catholicism in the Atlanta University Center. Last summer, Father Urey Mark was installed as the Lyke House leadership and since then he has infused Lyke House with his infectious smile and unending enthusiasm. It is through his energy and the support of many others that Lyke House is expanding its programming, raising additional funds for the expansion of the Bowman Scholar Program and is offering more opportunities for worship and fellowship with students, alumni and supporters. One of these opportunities is the 2016 Lyke House Golf Tournament.

As Alumni of Lyke House and the Atlanta University Center, and as Advisory Council Members, we are pleased to welcome you to our inaugural Golf Tournament. We want to thank everyone for their support of Lyke House and this Tournament - for the sponsorships, for the student foursomes, for the in-kind donations and especially, for your attendance. While the treasure of your donations is always appreciated, safeguarded, invested and shared, it is our hope that our community activities will spark a deeper connection with Lyke House. We want to see you, meet you, talk with you and develop a true relationship with our supporters. Please know that your presence and your participation mean the most to the community of Lyke House and we are grateful for your support.

As Alumni of Lyke House, we know the value of this institution and have experienced its impact on our lives first hand. Please show your generous support, and allow others to share in the benefits the Lyke House offers young Catholics.

Most sincerely,

Jean & Juan Johnson

Lyke House Advisory Council Members and AUC Alumni



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