The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the University community and is open to everyone, no matter their religious, philosophical, or spiritual identity. With a few questions and accessibility needs, students are most welcome, and please reach out to Catholic Chaplain for any concerns.

Upcoming Signature Programs

- Monday, March 7 – Sat., Apr. 23, 2022

By Russell F. Ackoff, President, Policy思考ing Research Group, University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Michael Hagner, Provost, Tufts University

- Fri., Mar. 4, 2022

Unique departure by Dr. Samia H. Nakhleh, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arab American National Council

- Nineteen Day Fast

A feast dedicated to the Hindu deity Shiva. The night before the feast fasting is observed, texts are recited, songs are sung, and stories told in honor of this God whose cosmic dance creates, preserves, destroys, and recreates the universe.

- Ash Wednesday

It is a time of repentance and sacrifice in preparation for Easter.

- Laylat al-Isra'wa al-Mi'raj (Mi'raj al-Nabiy)

Jerusalem and his ascent to heaven and return the same night. Begins at sundown.

Questions like these can feel overwhelming and anxiety-provoking at times. For this reason I really appreciate this conversation. I hope you find what makes you come alive, the things you can't imagine not doing, what you can't imagine living without. I hope you can see in us—our passions and talents, strengths and growing edges, hopes and fears. This was true for me as I moved from my family's Dutch Reformed congregation to my current life as an Episcopal priest, questions of how God is calling me have been with me for a long time.

“Calling” is an important concept in my Protestant Christian tradition and in other faiths. From my upbringing in a Catholic, Reformed Jewish, and a 1980s emergent church environment, “calling” has been an important source of meaning and encouragement in my spiritual journey.

All these things can be a helpful framework for figuring out “the big questions,” including what to study, what career to pursue, how I will use my time on this Earth, and how people understand their purpose in life, how they find meaning in what they do, and what values they live by.

To Be of Use

“To Be of Use” gathered next Monday, February 28, hosted by the Career Center and University Chaplaincy; you can see below my thoughts about “the big questions” and how some of the people I know have engaged these questions.

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Blessings,

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