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Investing in the University Chaplaincy: Giving Tuesday, 2021



Lynn Cooper, Catholic Chaplain & Associate Director, speaks at the Illumination Ceremony.



Tufts students from Class of 2024 gather to light their candles on the President's Lawn.

Dear Friend of the University Chaplaincy,

When the Class of 2025 gathered on the President's Lawn this September for their Illumination Ceremony, I was stunned by the beauty and joy of the moment. I had seen pictures from years past, but the embodied presence of excited and expectant students on the cusp of college was more powerful than pictures could convey. The University Chaplaincy hosts this evening for all first-year students because we believe, in all our multifaith distinctiveness and commonality, that claiming the legacy of both being and becoming a light in and for our world is what a Tufts education is all about. This year, we had the honor of offering a second Illumination Ceremony for the sophomore class, who had not been able to gather in person last year. On both nights, chaplains and student speakers invited students to bring their whole selves, in all their wondrous complexity and mystery, to Tufts.

And every day, we strive to do the same. From Catholic mass to Buddhist meditation, Protestant worship to Hindu puja, Jumu'ah prayer to Shabbat services, we offer spaces for reflection, community, and learning. Through our Signature Programs and interfaith leadership opportunities, we invite students to wrestle with their questions and flex their creative muscles as we seek justice and healing, celebrate community, and practice love and joy. Whether on Zoom or over tea, our chaplains walk alongside students with compassion as they explore who they are and move through difficult challenges.

This #TuftsGivingTuesday, on November 30th, I invite you to show your support of the mission and ministry of the Tufts University Chaplaincy by investing in this community. Join me and the rest of the Tufts community in building a brighter world by giving in any amount and inviting others to do the same.

There are **three** easy ways to be involved:

- **Make a gift:** Make your gift to the "Friends of Goddard Chapel/Interfaith" or another Chaplaincy fund by clicking the button below (Giving Tuesday gifts must be made on November 30, 2021).
- **Spread the word:** Please forward this email to your friends and family, and post on social media about donating. Invite your networks to join in and match your contribution.
- **Follow our Giving Tuesday campaign:** Check out our Instagram ([@tufts_chaplaincy](#)) and our Facebook Page ([Tufts University Chaplaincy](#)) to hear from our community about our work's value—past and present.

Give on November 30

Your support and ongoing connection as alumni allow our community to shine brightly through events and programs, big and small. Thank you so much for your consideration and support.

Pax et lux,

The Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain



