Welcome Home, Catholic Gators!

Summer B Activities Kick Off a New School Year at St. A’s
It’s that time of year again... long lines on campus, heavier traffic, lost freshmen asking for directions up and down University Avenue. The Summer B semester has begun at the University of Florida, and that means that the Catholic Gators are back in action. The Newman Club and Catholic Student Fellowship meet weekly during Summer B, and Nueva Alianza and the Catholic Gator Small Groups will resume in full in the Fall. Newman Club president Lauren Flanagan (UF ’15) is ready to serve new and returning students alike. “I’m excited for this upcoming year because it’s a chance to welcome new faces into the loving community of St. A’s, and for everyone to grow closer together,” she said. “Newman provides a time for fellowship in a laid-back, welcoming environment. It’s a chance to enjoy a home-cooked meal with the people you love!”

In addition to weekly ministries, our fourth annual Summer Party is July 13 at Lake Wauburg. Students and friends will gather at the lake for a barbecue, games, and other outdoor activities, and then head back to St. A’s for the Vigil Mass. Campus Minister Ms. Debby Cherwak explained that she started this tradition three years ago in order to give students who are away for the summer a chance to gather together on the same weekend, and meet new friends. “We chose Summer B so that the incoming freshmen can mix with the new students,” she said.

Ms. Debby looks forward to the summer party every year. “I love silly things like the balloon toss,” she said. “It’s great to embrace the moments of simple fun.”

Any alumni in town during Summer B are welcome to stop by! You may even want to make a special trip to join the fun.

Catholic Gator students and alumni at the 2012 Summer Party.
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The 14th Annual Soil and Water Science Research Forum

The 14th Annual Soil and Water Science Research Forum is scheduled to be held on September 06 2013, in Gainesville, Florida. The forum is designed to bring together representatives from state and federal agencies as well as private industry, faculty, graduate students, and prospective students interested in soil and water science. The forum will provide an opportunity for all those interested in soil and water science to interact with our students, faculty, and administrators on campus. This year’s theme for the forum is on “Sustainability of Land and Water Resources”. Dr. Linda Lee, Professor and Associate Director, Discovery Park Center for the Environment, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University, is the featured keynote speaker at this year’s forum. We look forward to your participation in the forum. If you are planning to attend, please register at http://soils.ifas.ufl.edu/forum/. For additional information, contact James Jawitz at: Jawitz@ufl.edu.