

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Sense of Bliss

BY NATHAN

Have you ever had the experience where you first meet a colleague, neighbor, or someone at an event and immediately think, "Oh, yes, we could be lifelong friends"? Those are blissful moments.

I had that experience this week after hosting Dr. Vrajvihari Sharan, who was our keynote speaker for our Turner Warren and Shumate Lectures. An absolutely lovely human, Sharan is the first, and only, Hindu priest currently serving as a chaplain at a university in the US. He serves as the Director of Dharmic Life and adjunct professor at Georgetown University.

It was great to hear him speak on what it was like to be a Hindu priest serving at one of the most well-known Catholic institutions, the challenges and benefits of religious diversity, and the centuries- old wisdom from southern and eastern India.

I was struck by a few of Dr. Sharan's comments referencing the Bhagavad Gita, one of the most sacred Hindu texts. He quoted a text that spoke about the Divine being within the heart of everyone, regardless of what living being they are, and that when creatures speak about and pursue the Divine with other creatures indwelt by the Divine, they will find bliss.

I couldn't help but think that our time on campus with Dr. Sharan allowed all of us to have a glimpse of bliss.

This week, I hope you have moments with other people where you recognize that the Divine is within them, where you converse in such a way that brings life and hope, and that through it you develop a sense of bliss.



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For more information about the Spiritual Life Center, including info on student spiritual life student groups, go to our webpage - link in the email signature. You can also visit our Linkt.ree (Link is in email).

Dates to Remember

Sundays at 11 a.m.

Worship with
CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
in Snidow Chapel

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Weekly ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
in Snidow Chapel

Thursday, April 27

7 p.m. - Schewel 231
CAKE CHAT: Death and the
Afterlife Cafe
(See box at left for details)

MAY IS

Asian American
Pacific Islander
Month

and

Jewish American
Heritage Month

WE HAPPILY INVITE YOU TO

April 27, 2023

DEATH

AND THE AFTERLIFE

CAFE

Please join us in Schewel 231 at 7:00 P.M. for a discussion on the beauty of death and the need for more conversation about what happens when life ends. Cake will be provided by Spiritual Life. Drinks will be provided by the hosts.

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Sympathies, Concerns, and Congrats

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Dr. Kara Eaton Dean** (Music) and **Dr. Adam Dean** (History) and their children and families on the death of Kara's father.
- **Bob Lemon** (Board of Trustees) and his family on the death of his mother.
(Links to obituaries in email.)