



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

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## Connections

**June 22-24, 2018**

Welcome to Villanova Connections! We are very excited that you will be joining us for our CONNECTIONS weekend. The retreat will be an opportunity for fun, reflection, and socializing with over 100 incoming Villanova freshmen, current Villanova students, and Campus Ministry staff.

Connections is a three-day, two-night retreat for incoming freshmen that will be held during the summer at Villanova University from June 22-24. It is an opportunity for first-year students to make “connections” with other first-year students, a team of Sophomore and Junior leaders, the campus of Villanova, and with our Catholic, Augustinian heritage. Students of all faith traditions, or none at all, are encouraged to join us.

The registration deadline is Monday, June 11.

### Arrival and Departure Information

- Check-in time for the retreat will be **2-4PM on Friday, June 22**. Our team will be unable to receive you before 2 pm unless you make specific arrangements with us in advance. When you arrive on campus, come to **Katharine Hall** (#39 on the [full campus map found online with directions to campus](#)) to register with our student leaders and get settled. There will be signs posted around campus to direct you to CONNECTIONS.
- The weekend will conclude on **Sunday, June 24**, with a celebration of the liturgy starting at 2:30PM—family and friends are more than welcome to join us for mass in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church on campus (#3 on the [campus map](#)). **Students will be ready to leave campus by 4PM**, so please make your travel arrangements accordingly.

### Traveling by Air

If you are flying and need transportation to/from the Philadelphia International Airport, please email your flight itineraries and the student's cell phone number to Kate Dowdle and Bridget Huggard ([bhuggard@villanova.edu](mailto:bhuggard@villanova.edu) and [kdowdle@villanova.edu](mailto:kdowdle@villanova.edu)). **We will not be able to provide rides from the airport for flights that are scheduled to land before 11AM or after 4PM on Friday and after 5PM on Sunday unless arrangements are made with us before booking your flight.**

### Traveling by Car

Parents are welcome to drop off students on Friday afternoon 2-4pm at Katharine Hall and pick them up at Katharine Hall at 4pm on Sunday afternoon. Parking will be available for students who plan to drive themselves to and from the retreat. However, students are not permitted to leave campus during the retreat without permission from the Campus Ministry staff since it presents a safety and liability issue. We will hold retreatants' car keys for the weekend if they request a parking permit.

## Traveling using Public Transit

There are public transit stops on Villanova's campus for the Regional Rail ([Paoli/Thorndale line](#)), [Norristown High Speed Line](#), and [106 Bus](#).

## What to Bring

You will be staying in a residence hall and you will need to bring the following – **toiletries, towel, and sheets or a sleeping bag**. The rooms are air-conditioned therefore it may be cooler at night. Also you will use community bathrooms, so **bring your flip flops for the shower!** The dress for the weekend is casual, except make sure to bring one dressier outfit for our closing liturgy on Sunday. The rooms will have a blanket and pillow for each participant.

## Registration Fee

Cost for the weekend is \$150, which will be added to students' accounts through the Office of the Bursar. All meals and expenses for the weekend will be covered by your registration fee. This covers all accommodations, meals, and scheduled activities, including a trip into Philadelphia for cheesesteaks. Financial support is available for anyone that needs it. Please contact Michelle Sherman at [michelle.sherman@villanova.edu](mailto:michelle.sherman@villanova.edu).

## Other Information

Lastly, we will be making one trip via buses into downtown Philadelphia for dinner on Saturday at a popular cheesesteak venue. We will give each student \$15 in cash to cover dinner. That will be enough for a cheesesteak and a soda. Students will need to have their own monies for any food beyond that. **If you would like a vegetarian option for this dinner, please email [michelle.sherman@villanova.edu](mailto:michelle.sherman@villanova.edu).**

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Michelle Sherman [michelle.sherman@villanova.edu](mailto:michelle.sherman@villanova.edu) or Brian McCabe [brian.mccabe@villanova.edu](mailto:brian.mccabe@villanova.edu)