

# OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

## Spiritual and Religious Life

The Office of Spiritual & Religious Life (OSRL) organizes programs and events at the university which support faith formation across all religious and spiritual identities on campus. Under the leadership of the Director of Spiritual and Religious Life, the office has thriving Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Muslim, and Interfaith Chaplaincies, which consist of Catholic Sisters and Priests, a Muslim Coordinator, a Protestant Chaplain, an Interfaith Chaplain, and a University Rabbi who work collaboratively as a multifaith team to support the spiritual development and wellness of students, staff, and faculty. Clergy works with their respective chaplains and communities at Quinnipiac by coordinating worship and prayer services while providing spiritual/pastoral counseling, advising, and mentoring of religious student groups on campus.

For students in a community not represented on campus, the office aids in connecting with local religious resources, serving as a hub for religion, ethics and spirituality at Quinnipiac. Staff work to raise the visibility of religion and spirituality on campus through tradition-specific and interfaith programming and, when required, provide a religious presence at university events.

For more information, visit the Spiritual and Religious life website (<https://www.qu.edu/student-life/spiritual-and-religious-life/>).

## Center for Religion

The Center for Religion is an integral part of the Office of Spiritual & Religious Life. Its mission is to advance religious pluralism and understanding, by bringing religious voices, viewpoints, beliefs and practices into an engagement with the larger university community to help our students become more fully flourishing, humane individuals empowered to change the world for the good. Everyone is welcome to participate in the center programs regardless of religion, perspective, or belief. The center is committed to fostering a genuinely diverse, respectful and inclusive space at Quinnipiac.

For more information, contact the director of spiritual and religious life at [Catherine.Gillespie@qu.edu](mailto:Catherine.Gillespie@qu.edu) or [Religious.Life@qu.edu](mailto:Religious.Life@qu.edu) ([Religious.Life@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:Religious.Life@quinnipiac.edu)).

## Catholic Chapel

Our Catholic Chapel, located within the Center for Religion, is where our community holds Mass each Sunday throughout the academic year. For more information on Sunday Mass or the Chapel, please contact our Catholic Chaplains at 203-582-8206.

## Peter C. Hereld House for Jewish Life

Jewish events and programs are typically held at the Peter C. Hereld House for Jewish Life, located at 560 New Road. For information about Jewish life at Quinnipiac, contact Rabbi Judd at 203-582-8206.

## Muslim Prayer Room

Quinnipiac has a dedicated prayer space for our Muslim students, faculty, and staff located in the Carl Hansen Student Center. For information on

this space, including how to gain card access, please contact our staff at [Religious.Life@qu.edu](mailto:Religious.Life@qu.edu) ([Religious.Life@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:Religious.Life@quinnipiac.edu)).

## Student Learning Outcomes

Through its mission to engage religious voices, viewpoints, beliefs and practices with the larger university community, the Center for Religion creates programs focused on six areas or vectors.

As a result of participating in a Center for Religion program, students will:

- Consider various viewpoints to expand their **religious literacy**.
- Identify opportunities for local, national and global **advocacy**.
- Explore the human experience through **social justice**.
- Examine **meaning and values**.
- Engage in **community building**.
- Appreciate diverse cultures through a **global encounter**.