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Elon Awakening I- Special Allocation Request

Catholic Campus Ministry

Dear Max & Finance Committee,

We are requesting a special allocation for a brand new retreat, "Elon Awakening I" that Elon Catholic Campus Ministry is starting this fall. The retreat will take place on November 9-11, 2018. To give you a background of the retreat, Awakening is a national college retreat that takes place at many colleges across the United States. We began planning Elon Awakening I three years ago. To plan this retreat, we have been working with other schools: University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and Duke University. They have been gracious in giving us their time, and experience with Awakening which has been a retreat at their schools for a very long time. They have accepted Elon students on their Awakening retreats every semester since Fall 2015 to allow them to experience the retreat, as well as train them as staffers so they can help staff other schools retreats as well as Elon's. This is a unique aspect of our retreat as we have been in collaboration with these schools for 3 years now, working together to help them with their retreats and come November, they will be helping us with ours.

Elon Awakening I is open to all Elon University students regardless of faith. This retreat has been known to be life changing and very impactful. It is a weekend spent at a camp site where Elon students have the chance to disconnect from the craziness of life, turn off their phones, and connect with themselves, and other students. This retreat gives students a chance to dive deeper into their personal views and personal faith life while being surrounded by the Elon community. This weekend gives students the chance to meet new people, learn about themselves, and learn about their spiritual life which is all essential to their well-being.

Given that this is a brand new retreat, there are a lot of expenses associated with it. On the budget, you will see the breakdown. We are very excited to see our 3 years of hard work pay off on November 9-11th and are grateful to be starting a new retreat at Elon University that will carry on forever.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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