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Dear friends and colleagues,

In response to inquiries, we would like to bring to your attention a schedule of holy days which may be useful to you in conversation with students as they navigate and balance the demands of the academic schedule, co-curricular activities, and their religious practice. You may find a list of religious observances on the Campus Ministry web page: http://www.marquette.edu/cm/about/religious-observances-calendar.shtml. This resource is by no means exhaustive.

It is our hope that any student who is unable to attend classes, participate in an examination or presentation, or complete an assignment on a given day because of the observance of a major religious holiday will communicate with her/his professors in advance. Given the time commitment, family expectations, travel, and preparation that some religious holy days demand, students need to gather precise information about opportunities to make up any work that has been missed for religious practice and the timeline under which the work must be submitted. While there is no university policy regarding missed class due to religious observance, the university actively works to support and respect the religious and spiritual development of all of its community members. Like with most other excused absences, it is reasonable to expect that students will remain responsible for all assigned work. For those who supervise work study positions in an office or advise a leadership position in student life activities, similar consideration may be extended for the responsibilities held by students.

If Campus Ministry can support your discernment and accommodation of student requests, please feel free to call upon us. We thank you in advance for your sensitivity to the diverse religious traditions which reside on our campus.

On behalf of Campus Ministry, we wish you fruitful semester.

Sincerely,

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