

Chapel + Cultural Center FAQ



What is the Chapel + Cultural Center?

The Chapel + Cultural Center is a facility for both faith and arts at Rensselaer. It's the big concrete block building at 2125 Burdett Ave., across the street from BARH. The C+CC was established nearly 55 years ago as a place for spiritual growth and artistic performance and exhibition.



Who is the Chapel + Cultural Center for?

Our primary mission is to the students, faculty, and staff of RPI, but everyone is welcome. It's a place where the campus and surrounding community can come together to experience faith and arts in a setting that's welcoming and inclusive.



What happens at the Chapel + Cultural Center?

The Chapel + Cultural Center is home to the Catholic community at RPI in the University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice, as well as our two student groups, the Newman Catholic Fellowship and the Knights of Columbus council. We also host meditation groups, Tai Chi, yoga, and several community groups. The Rensselyrics rehearse and perform at the Chapel, and many of the other a cappella groups on campus also use our space, which has great acoustics.



What sort of arts programs happen at the C+CC?

In addition to vocal music, the Chapel hosts many RPI instrumental performances. Our 10,000 lumen laser projector allows us to show spectacular cinematic experiences. And our gallery space hosts a variety of visual arts: painting, photography, even poetry.



Who can book space at the C+CC?

Our space is available without charge for recognized student groups at RPI, subject to availability. Off campus groups may be asked to provide a nominal fee for the use of the space. Students and alumni can celebrate weddings at the Chapel without charge.



What if I just need a little peace and quiet?

The Chapel is open most days from 9am to 10pm. Come in for a peaceful place to rest, pray, meditate, or study.



How can I learn more, or contact the Chapel staff or Chaplain?

The easiest way to find out more about us or to contact our staff is through our web site: www.rensselaernewman.org.

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