Bishop to conduct workshop to strengthen students' spirituality

By Stephanie Mostaccio

Retired auxiliary bishop of Newark, Bishop Dominick Marconi, will be visiting the Lawrenceville campus on Monday, Oct. 18.

Marconi will be conducting a workshop centered on prayer at the Gill Chapel from 7 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. During the workshop, he will be speaking about prayer, specifically how to make prayer a part of one’s own life. Since his specialty is speaking about prayer according to the scriptures, he will be explaining how one can apply the various aspects of prayer described in the scripture reading into his prayer life.

“He gives you a methodology to make prayer a part of your life,” said Father Bruno Ugliano, the campus Catholic priest.

Ugliano invited Marconi on the premise that the bishop’s words will give students another insight into spirituality. However, prior to coordinating the visit, he proposed the idea to his colleague Rev. Nancy Schluter, Rider’s Protestant Chaplain, who agreed that it was an excellent suggestion.

In fact, Ugliano said that all the chaplains on campus feel it is a necessity to try to enhance and fulfill the area of the whole person that is not addressed in the classroom, which is spiritual.

The workshop is open to anyone who would like to attend, from students and faculty to those in the community. Ugliano is expecting a successful outcome.

“It’s a very popular way of doing things,” he said. Marconi’s visit will also benefit those who choose to attend his session. As they listen to his words, they will learn more about prayer and as well as how to incorporate prayer into their lives.

“Anything we offer on campus is there to be of service to students and faculty alike,” Ugliano said.