

Statement by NYU's Chaplains' Circle On the Proposed *Center for Academic and Spiritual Life*

The Chaplains' Circle at NYU is thrilled at the announcement of the creation of a physical "home" for the heretofore "virtual" Center for Spiritual Life, which was established two years ago in recognition of students' growing interest in religious observance and spiritual expression.

The higher education experience is marked by exploration and profound questions. Students actively seek to clarify their values and beliefs: what is meaningful, what works, what matters, what is healthy and what will bring me success, happiness, and balance. The new Center Academic and Spiritual Life will provide a wonderful, contemplative, enduring safe space – a center of gravity – for these heightened conversations. It will greatly benefit religious life on campus, and the entire NYU community.

The University Chaplains wish to express their thanks to all those who have worked hard to make this possible, as do the religious and cultural communities that they represent.

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