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JUST A TYPICAL WEEK: As vicar at the 120-year-old Church of the Advocate, Renee McKenzie, *CLA* '98, '05, presides over everything from jazz concerts to community meetings and, of course, Sunday service. **MORE THAN A CHURCH:** This fall a new wellness center will open at the Advocate. A centerpiece: a grand piano donated from the Boyer College of Music and Dance. **A FRONT DOOR TO NORTH PHILADELPHIA:** As the episcopal chaplain to Temple's Campus Ministry, McKenzie makes sure that students know they are always welcome. The ministry is well known as a center for community building, and students often visit to take part in everything from social, spiritual and cultural conversations to tours of the building. **KEYNOTE:** When a local undocumented mother of four needed help to prevent forced deporta-

tion, McKenzie answered the call. She led supporters in a prayer vigil and offered asylum to the woman and her family behind the walls of the church. —JAZMYN BURTON

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“The Advocate is more than a church; we’re a social services organization with faith at the heart of what we do.”