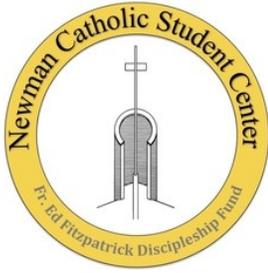


Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship — 2019 Awardees



Newman Center alumni who carry on our mission of being a disciple for the Church and for the world through involvement in a Catholic parish or non-profit are annually eligible for the Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Fund Award. Fr. Ed, the Newman Center's director from 1981-2015, envisioned an endowed fund, which on a yearly basis, would provide a way to recognize the discipleship of Newman Center alums. Established in 2015, the Fund makes a \$500 financial award gift to the respective Catholic parish or community non-profit in which recipients are actively involved. 2019 recipients/receiving non-profits:



Alicia (Dato) Brock '06 – After graduation, Alicia was involved in outreach with Leap of Faith Ministries, a program to help youth grow in their faith through praise and worship music. With her husband, Chuck, she served as a music minister and youth aid at St. Patrick's in Iowa City. Since 2013, Alicia and Chuck have been parishioners at St. Mary's in Solon where they are active in music and youth ministry in various leadership roles. Since 2016, the two have been members of Carrick Ministry Foundation, a non-profit supporting speakers and musicians committed to spreading the Catholic faith through parish missions and events. They have spent time in parishes across the Midwest with Carrick Ministries.

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Carrick Ministries Foundation

Scottsdale, AZ



Beth (Cremers) '90 and Mike '91 Deninger – After receiving their undergraduate degrees, Beth & Mike were married at the Newman Center (by Fr. Ed) where they started a Young Married Couples Faith Group. After both obtained post graduate degrees and started a family, they transitioned to St. Thomas More Parish in Coralville where they are very involved in ministry programs. Beth served on the parish council and is a Eucharistic minister. Mike participates in music ministry. Both are integral members of the fundraising campaign St. Thomas More conducted to build, and now expand, their new church.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: St. Thomas More

Coralville, IA



Beth (Weber) Elkin '86 – Beth was married at the Newman Center in 1993 by Fr. Ed. In 1998, her twins were born in Indiana, but were brought back to Newman Center to be baptized by Fr. Ed. In 2002, Beth started as an assistant in her kids' religious education program in Carrollton, TX. The next year she stepped into the lead teacher role for the preschool class. She continued in that role until 2009 when she became a faith coach for the 6th grade class. In 2013, she was asked to become a faith coach for 7th and 8th grade students. She has taught in that capacity ever since, helping guide youth through the many differences they encounter between faith and culture.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: St. Catherine of Siena Youth Ministry

Carrollton, TX.



Mary (Garvert) Finkbone '13 – After graduation, Mary moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a clinical doctorate in audiology from Gallaudet University. In 2016, she completed a one-year residency at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, NE. Upon returning to D.C. in 2017, Mary made major life transitions: she started attending Holy Trinity Parish, a vibrant Jesuit parish; she got married and started working as an audiologist. Since that time, she has deepened her involvement in Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community in various leadership roles. Mary also serves as a lector and Eucharistic Minister and assisted the 8th graders' Confirmation retreat.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: Holy Trinity Young Adult Community

Washington, D.C.



Cheyenne (Boddicker) Kofmehl '08 – Cheyanne and her husband, Karl, met as members of the Newman Singers. In 2009, the couple were cantors and sang in the choir at St. Patrick's in Iowa City where they were also youth ministry volunteers. From 2010-2013, Cheyanne was involved in the Newman Center's Graduate Students & Young Professional Group while seeking a Master's degree. In 2011, Cheyanne swam the English Channel to raise funds for cancer research at UIHC. She married Karl in 2012. After marriage, the couple volunteered at Informed Choices Medical Clinic and Johnson County Right to Life. They are now very active in the Des Moines Diocese where Cheyanne is a Religious Education teacher, a member of the Catholic Women's Club and volunteers for pro-life organizations.

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Iowans for Life

Des Moines, IA



Kamille (Wahlin) Meyer '13 – Kamille obtained her masters at University of North Dakota in educational leadership; for the past four years she has been the Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator for the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC). For the past five years, Kamille has been the UMC Newman Club Advisor. Because the campus does not have an official Newman Center site, the Crookston Cathedral created an outreach club to students where Kamille volunteers her time as advisor. Kamille was the featured alumnae speaker for the UI Newman Center Gala in 2018.

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Newman Club UMC

Crookston, MN



Rebecca Sanders '17 - After her graduation, Rebecca moved back to the suburbs of Chicago and quickly found a parish, St. Giles, in Oak Park, IL. She felt called to complete the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and was confirmed in March 2018. She is joining the choir and will cantor at Mass and looks forward to active participation in a Bible study group. She is the volunteer fundraising chair for the Chicago Region for the Pelotonia, a charity bike ride to raise money for Cancer Research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Pelotonia for Cancer Research

Columbus, OH



Shirley Schneider '95 – For a number of years after graduation, Shirley attended the Newman Center where she was active as a Eucharistic Minister, involved in a young adult faith group, participated in service and faith sharing activities, including Bible studies and the Alpha program where she served as a helper and leader for 10 years. Currently, Shirley is a parishioner of St. Thomas More (STM) in Coralville where she is very active... Eucharistic Minister, Bible study groups, Youth Minister (NCYC, Quest retreats and Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee), the parish council and creating a new Faith Formation Commission. She is a STM representative for Vision 20/20 and will attend the Diocesan Convocation in June. Shirley has worked 21 years at the Area

Substance Abuse Council.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: St. Thomas More Youth Ministry Program

Coralville, IA



Claire Sevenich '18 – Since her graduation last spring, Claire says she has kept her faith in the forefront by becoming active as a spiritual mentor for six sophomore girls at Des Moines Dowling Catholic High School and serving as a regular at the adoration chapel at St. Augustine's in Des Moines. It is through these experiences, as well as coaching 100 students, that her affection for the saints has grown. Claire says, "It's through the saints relentless love that I find myself enamored with the continuous effort it takes to integrate faith, hope, and love into my daily life."

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Ut Fidem Program Dowling Catholic HS

Des Moines, IA



Marcy (Rau) '95 & Troy Sheeley '97 - The couple met while both were Newman Singers; they married in 1997. They initially joined the music ministry and started helping with the Life Teen Program at their Kansas City parish. In 1999, they found St. James Parish in Liberty, MO. Their involvement at St. James has largely centered around music ministry. They are cantors and are part of a parish music group. They formed a ministry initially for young couples (Young Marrieds Group) that has now become Families of Faith who host family-related events throughout the year. Troy was recently elected president of the Do-Dads Group and was asked to plan and execute the ceremony for the ground-breaking of their new church building in which the couple was active in the fundraising.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: St. James Catholic Church

Liberty, MO



Jasmin Tone '17 – After being a fellow at the Newman Center, Jasmin discovered her call to ministry. She is working on her Master's degree in Theology online through Catholic Distance University and Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies through the Diocese of Davenport. In October 2018, Jasmin became the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Davenport West Parishes. She works with 6-12 grade youth in weekly youth nights, Diocesan events, services projects, National Catholic Youth Conference, etc. She reports since starting her job, the parishes she oversees have seen growing youth numbers in weekly events.

Non-Profit to Receive Honorarium: Davenport West Cluster Youth Ministry

Davenport, IA



Kelly (Hoyer) Ward '93 - Kelly and her husband John were married at the Newman Center in October, 1993. Kelly's retreat experiences at the Newman Center sparked a passion for sharing retreat opportunities with both adults and teens. Since 2009, she has been involved in the planning, organization and chaperoning of numerous retreat experiences. Her greatest passion is supporting teens to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Kelly has helped lead groups of 20-50 teens to each NCYC for the past 10 years. She assists St. Joe's high school's ministry program in Marion, Iowa with other retreats as well... for confirmation, for winter retreat, and Good Friday.

Parish to Receive Honorarium: St. Joseph Youth Faith Formation

Marion, IA