



Newman Outreach

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Mission Statement

As a Newman Catholic Student Center, we provide Roman Catholic ministry to those associated with The University of Iowa to promote their development within a faith community and to prepare them as disciples for the Church and for the world.

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Back on Campus! Welcome to the Class of 2024!!



An unknown faith cannot be lived. Newman Center cultivates both a personal relationship and an intellectual understanding of Jesus Christ and His Church. We offer a variety of opportunities for personal growth and nourish a faith "home away from home" for University of Iowa students. To learn more about our ministries and programs, read within and/or visit: www.iowacatholic.org.

A cornerstone of our evangelization efforts is the FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) program. Within their weekly Bible studies, students delve into the mystery of Christ's love found in Scripture while forming small-group communities of fellowship and support. Our "sandals on the ground," FOCUS missionaries meet students where they are, helping form lasting, more in-depth relationships with each other and with Jesus Christ.

What we always knew, and magnified over the past 6-9 months, is we are social beings. The message of Jesus has extremely important guidance about how we best learn to support one another and promote the well-being of all...forgiveness, patience, being non-judgmental, and concerns for others above self.

Living as responsible disciples of Jesus during trying and divisive times is challenging. Jesus knew we would not have a smooth road. Our openness to His promised gift of the Spirit – who "teaches us all things" – is critical to making good decisions and forming lasting relationships with God and each other.

Newman Center leaders help form and inform by knowing in this community of disciples we call Church, Christ enables us to do so much better together than any of us can do as an individual. We strengthen, encourage, mentor and regroup when necessary. Our entire staff is very grateful for the numerous and varied partners within our Newman community helping to prepare disciples for our Church and world.

Let us never again take for granted the presence of our Lord in the tangible Eucharist, in the other sacraments or in the love and care between humanity. St. John Henry Newman pray for us!!

Fr. Jeffrey Belger
Newman Center Priest Director

P. S. As gatherings resume, we strictly follow COVID guidelines for safety. Our mantra for this year is Think Big, Get Into Small (groups). People can participate to comfort level for fall events which are accessible IN-PERSON and ONLINE. We email weekly Newman Center updates, so please contact info@newman-ic.org with your email address so we can send to you too! Visit our YouTube channel to view daily Mass, Rosary and various past events: <https://www.youtube.com/c/iowacatholic>.

2020-21 Student Fellows and FOCUS Missionaries

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20

This great commission applies not just to the ordained or religious, but to all the faithful called by Christ to be disciples.



2020 FALL SEMESTER OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

August 28, 2020

New Year @ Newman Event

Thirty-eight incoming students were welcomed with a night of Mass, outside dinner in small groups, a student panel, and video for new students to discover what Newman Center is about and what we have to offer.

September 12, October 10

Catholic Worker House Service Events

Students serve for an afternoon at the Catholic Worker House in Iowa City by cooking and serving a meal, helping sort donations at the house, and visiting with the guests.

September 18-20, 2020

Ignite Fall Retreat

55 students, 5 FOCUS Missionaries, and 2 Newman Staff attended this fall's retreat in Iowa City. Students participated in prayer, sacraments, student talks, activities, small group discussion, and social time.



October Respect Life Month Events

Backpack & hygiene products drive for Inside Out Reentry. Dead Man Walking movie showed October 9; Sr. Helen Prejean "On Becoming a Voice for Justice" virtual event October 21. Available on the Iowa Catholic YouTube channel. Praying rosary weekly at Emma Goldman Clinic.

October 28 - November 5

Altar display for **Dia de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead)

On-Going:

Melchizedek Project, a student priest discernment group.

Catholicism Ignited, a student-run biweekly podcast.

Rossi Center for Faith & Culture and Louise Wolf-Novak

Service & Social Justice: speakers, programs, activities

Info on above available on website www.iowacatholic.org

SEMESTER CALENDAR CHANGES DUE TO COVID:

The University of Iowa announced students will not return to campus after Thanksgiving break. Fall semester 2020 will be completed online at home. Thus, Newman Center will go to winter break Mass schedule early. Visit our website for Mass and building times. Spring Semester 2021 will begin one week later than usual, beginning on January 25, 2021 with hybrid classes. There will be no spring break in March 2021. Spring semester will end on May 14, 2021.

MUSIC MINISTRY:



Joe Mattingly, Director of Music Ministry, was named the Newman Center's 2020 Stewardship Award recipient during Gala in August. Joe was recognized for his forty years of time, talent and treasure to various music programs at Newman Center.

Because of COVID restrictions, singing is not currently allowed at public Masses. Instead, 16 Newman Singers sing at the live stream Masses in groups of 4, rotating weekly. Wind instruments are also not allowed, but string instruments play at public Mass... a total of 32 musicians this fall playing and in the wings. We are grateful for the "joyful noise" unto the Lord!

2020-2021 STUDENT ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS



Logan Cook (Jr.)

Iowa City, IA
Women's Basketball
Major:
Human Physiology



Jamie Kofron (So.)

Tiffin, IA
Women's Track & Field
Major:
Finance

Through the generosity of numerous benefactors, annual scholarships are awarded to two UI student athletes involved at Newman Center. Selection of the recipients is made by the UI Athletic Department each fall.

GOERES BECKMAN SCHOLARSHIP

16 Beckman Catholic (Dyersville, IA) alumni were awarded Nic Goeres Scholarships of \$750 each for 2020-2021. The purpose of the scholarship program is to help Beckman graduates grow in their respective faith journeys at the Newman Center while pursuing higher education at Iowa. Former St. Francis Xavier (now Beckman Catholic) and a 1967 University of Iowa journalism graduate, Nic Goeres, has provided these scholarship funds annually since 2012.



Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Update

by Luke Landiak, FOCUS Team Leader



It is a joy to live and serve University of Iowa students alongside Newman Center staff as we prepare disciples for Christ and his Church! Despite COVID challenges in recent months, our missionary team continues to point everyone back to the unchanging truth of the Gospel: we are made for Relationship with

God. As FOCUS missionaries, we have the great honor and privilege of having a front row seat to the Holy Spirit's action in the lives of students during their time at Iowa. The biggest blessing is students rejoicing in sharing what they have received from the Lord with their friends and peers.

I grew up in Naperville, IL before heading to the University of Maryland where I studied mechanical engineering. I spent two years as a FOCUS Missionary at Ball State University in Indiana before coming to Iowa in the summer of 2020. I meet weekly for formation with 7 men, 5 of whom are leading Bible studies, preparing to invite other students to make Jesus the center of their lives. As team director, I am blessed with/by the works of four other missionaries.

Aurelia Isenbart, from Stratton, CO, is returning for her third year in Iowa City since studying English and graduating from Colorado State. All 6 of the women she is walking with are leading Bible studies, and 3 of them are walking with others by helping them lead Bible studies and to know the Lord through daily prayer.

Drew Grattafiori, a second-year missionary from Plano, TX and a Texas A & M graduate in computer science, is doing an excellent job inviting, investing in, and leading more than 15 freshman men to find their community in Christ. He is also preparing to direct a mission trip to Cincinnati in January 2021 where 14 students will serve the poor alongside BLoC Ministries in impoverished neighborhoods.

Liz Foley is a first-year missionary from Lincoln, NE. She studied elementary education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Despite the Husker-Hawkeye rivalry, the Holy Spirit has been very fruitful in all of Liz's efforts. More Greek women are being invited to the sacraments, Bible study, and a life of prayer than ever before because of Liz's outreach.

Karissa Fjeldheim, an elementary music education major at Iowa (from Sioux City), officially joined our team this year as a part-time missionary. Karissa is teaching full time but continues to invest in a few women and lead a Bible study. Karissa will be with us until December, when she'll be sent to a new campus to begin her time as a full-time FOCUS Missionary.

Twelve months ago, we had 20 students in discipleship (weekly formation and prayer) and 13 students leading Bible Studies. Now, beginning our third year of FOCUS partnership, we have 31 students in discipleship, with 15 leading a Bible Study. And, 150 students have already come to Bible study this year! In addition to discipleship and Bible studies, we hope to walk with at least 150 students at the national conference, SEEK2021. This will be a local immersive experience in February to help win students over to a life in Christ, build them through prayer and the Church, and send them to lead others to do the same. SEEK is open to all in the Newman community. We hope many of you will join us for this local renewal of our Catholic community!

Thank you for your support and prayers. The Holy Spirit is making disciples for Christ through what is happening here!

SEEK21 is a one-of-a-kind event where thousands gather as small groups to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope, and salvation. This year, SEEK is being brought directly to you for an event unlike any experienced before!

From February 4 – 7, 2021, faithful will gather across the country in living rooms, campus centers, and parishes for a four-day live streamed event encountering the heart of the Gospel. You get a

front-row seat to this passionate and inspiring Catholic conference focused on the Gospel message itself. Set aside the distractions and enter a space alongside thousands of others who are seeking a new encounter with the Lord, a new chance to pursue holiness, a new moment for our Church. Come away knowing Jesus Christ and have the confidence and tools to share and live the Gospel in your day-to-day life.

Find more info at: seek.focus.org

NEWMAN CENTER FINANCIAL REPORT

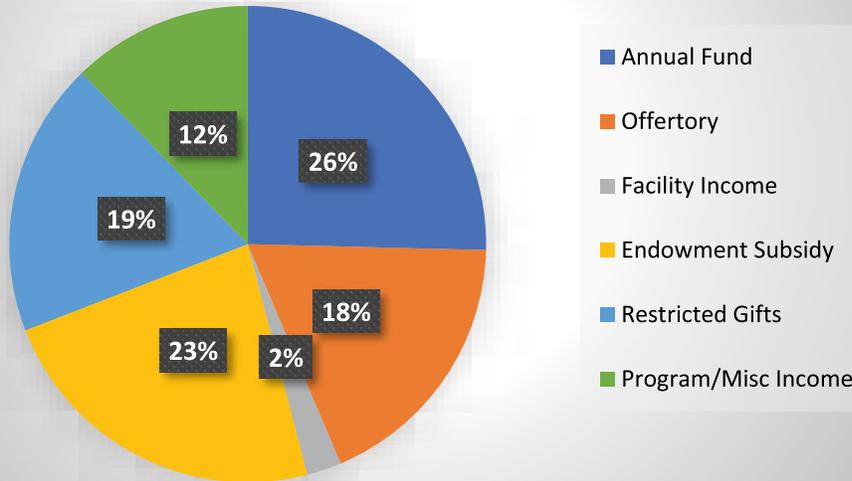
(for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

In such a challenging year in so many ways, all we can say is thank you to our generous Newman Center community! During the past fiscal year Annual Fund contributions were \$240,981. Those funds, combined with a large memorial gift, Hills Bank Paycheck Protection Loan of \$94,400 and endowment subsidy...together provided

steady sources of income to help the Newman Catholic Student Center overcome both offertory and program income loss due to COVID-19. We were able to maintain the 4% targeted endowment asset allocation payout approved by the Newman Center Board of Directors. At the end of fiscal year 2019 (June 30, 2020), the Newman Center endowments totaled \$5.955 million.

**The targeted endowment subsidy allocation is approved by the Newman Catholic Student Center Board of Directors. The income is managed on a total return basis through a diversified portfolio for long-term growth of the principle.*

2019-20 Total Operating Income \$948,748

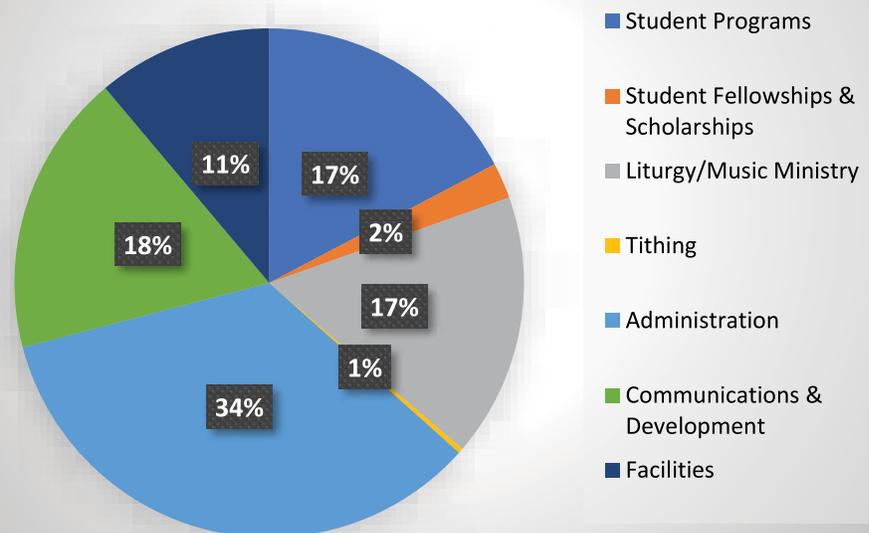


Operating expenses decreased 2% from previous year expenses. Administrative costs were roughly the same as the previous year despite an increase in technology expenses for system upgrades, transitioning staff to home office and virtual livestreaming.

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENTS:

Because an endowment gift is invested permanently and the corpus remains intact, these funds serve as a perpetual tribute to the donor's values for future generations. Providing a steady stream of annual investment income, endowments provide financial security and forecasting for the Newman Center. Donors can create their own named endowment or donate to existing endowments for general or specified program areas. Learn more on our website under "Support."

2019-20 Total Operating Expenses \$948,748



Newman Center Honor Roll lists cash and in-kind contributions made from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Not listed are those who donated or purchased Gala 2020 auction items, event or raffle tickets. We are grateful for all gifts of treasure which makes our mission possible. We took great care to correctly list all donors. If we have inadvertently omitted or misrepresented your name, please call the Development Office at 319-337-3106 Ext. 119.

Recognition Key: *= Founders Club; #=Foundation

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BEING BUILT TOGETHER

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE:



Newman Center is 100% self-funded. The Annual Fund provides the immediate use support which fuels the fire of faith at Newman Center! Every year, on July 1st, the Annual Fund begins at \$0 and we depend on your support to build it to goal and beyond. The 2020-21 goal is \$250,000. Annual Fund makes our ministry programs, and the people who provide them, accessible to all UI Catholic students; keeps our mission to prepare disciples vibrant and relevant; helps students balance culture and faith and much more.

Annual Fund gifts from these individuals and groups empower us to respond to today's most pressing needs and emerging opportunities:

- **Alumni Giving:** Commemorate your Iowa Catholic experience by paying it forward.
- **Faculty & Staff:** You appreciate the value of student growth. When you give to Annual Fund, you affirm St. John Henry Newman's mantra that a University education is not complete without the study of faith.
- **Parent & Family Giving:** The love and support of student families is instrumental to proving a faith "home away from home" for their loved ones.
- **Community Friends:** Annual Fund donors sustain our ability to continually build long-lasting relationships – to Christ and to each other.

We accept these methods of gift payments: cash, check, credit and debit cards, electronic funds transfer, automatic withdrawal, appreciated securities, IRA distributions, matching gifts, planned/legacy gifts and peer-to-peer fundraising.

HOMECOMING 2020:



Traditionally, in October, Newman Center, in conjunction with UI Homecoming Week, hosts a donor appreciation event for our Founders and Foundation Club Members.

On October 25, this annual event was held virtually. During the Zoom call, Newman Fellows shared their responses to:

"What Does It Mean To Be An Iowa Catholic?"

"What Legacy Do the 2020-21 Fellows Want to Leave at Newman Center?"

Watch/listen to their responses, as well as a staff State of the State, on our Iowa Catholic YouTube channel.

"The greatest thing this generation can do is lay a few stepping stones for the next generation."

~ Charles F. Kettering

GIVE THROUGH YOUR IRA

The CARES Act suspended IRA required minimum distributions for tax year 2020, BUT still allows individuals to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (up to \$100,000) from Roth or traditional IRA's to charities.

You can still help Newman Center serve its mission with a gift from your IRA in 2020 and that gift amount will not count toward your income provided you are at least 70.5 years of age. Please consult with your financial advisor before making decisions concerning your IRA.

WHY I GIVE:

In celebration of the awesome community Newman Center is and for making my college experience great. I'm thankful for the wonderful people and faith home that is Newman. Thanks for all you do!
~ Alexa Atkins '20



Being an Iowa Catholic means being a part of a loving, inclusive community. The legacy I want to leave is to help others realize unique ways the Holy Spirit is working within them and find how those gifts can serve the Lord and others. ~ Kelsie Tingle '21



Being an Iowa Catholic means learning to walk in a life-long relationship with Christ. The legacy I want to leave as a Newman Fellow is the sense of wonder about, and for, our common faith. ~ Zach Vig '22



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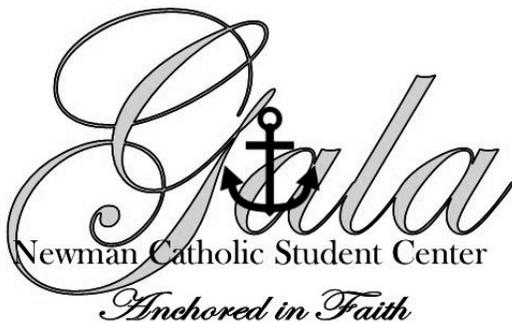
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- *Pray for the students and our mission*
- *Share your time and talents with NC*
- *Share your treasure with NC*
 - *Give to the Annual Fund*
 - *Become a recurring monthly donor*
 - *Consider leaving a legacy gift*
- *Provide feedback on how we can better serve, and communicate with, you*



Thank you to all who participated in Newman Center's Anchored in Faith Virtual Gala 2020 on August 22. Watch the one-hour Gala on Iowa Catholic YouTube.

The Fund A Cause portion of Gala benefited the Center's music ministry program. A \$10,000 Challenge Match issued the night of Gala was met and exceeded by others who generously responded. A total of \$23,000 was raised for music ministries!

Another \$80,000 (gross) was raised via sponsorships, donations, auction and raffle ticket purchases. What a blessing to the mission and ministries of the Newman Center! Stay tuned for details on Gala 2021....

WELCOME TO THE BOARD:

The Newman Center Board of Directors welcomed five new members in September: Michele Brock, Colleen Rapp, Roger Reilly, Fr. Thom Hennen and Fr. Joseph Sia. Three long-term board members will leave the board in 2021 after assisting new board member's transition into their new roles. We thank all board members for their stewardship gifts! View our entire board member list, photos and professional affiliations on our website.

VISIT THE HOLY LAND!! 10 DAYS: MARCH 16 – 25, 2021*

Hosted by Newman Center Staff:
Fr. Jeff Belger & April Rouser

Walk where Jesus walked...Cruise the Sea of Galilee...Visit Nazareth...Climb the Mt. of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem...Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre...Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

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*If travel is not safely possible on these dates, the tour will be rescheduled