

Annual Fund is the backbone of Newman Center's mission

The Annual Fund is the backbone of the mission of the Newman Catholic Student Center and is crucial to expanding our capacity to reach more students, more effectively. Each year, we rely upon the generosity and joyful giving of our Newman family – faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and friends. The success of the Annual Fund begins with a personal belief that the way to create a society of compassionate, principled individuals is to provide the foundation for change—empowering those likely to be in leadership positions, such as parents, politicians, professionals, and religious. Campus ministry meets this challenge, nurturing and developing Catholics into the leaders of society and the Church.

Gifts of all sizes are welcomed and appreciated, and can be made in several different ways: by check (*envelope enclosed*), through gifts of stock, securely on-line at: www.iowacatholic.org, by monthly, quarterly or annual automatic checking or credit card withdrawals, and matching gifts.

We encourage Annual Fund gifts in honor or memory of loved ones. A great way to pay tribute while impacting the faith journeys of our Catholic youth! Stewardship and relationship in partnership!!



Paul Lee, State Warden/ Program Director of the Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus (third from left), presented Newman Center staff with a check for \$9,010 after Mass on May 7, 2017. The KC's from the Iowa State Council have provided more than \$33,000 of financial support to the Newman Catholic Student Center in Iowa City over the past four years. The group also provides donations to the Newman Centers of the other state college campuses in Iowa. We are truly grateful for the KC's on-going partnership of prayer and treasure.

Fr. Edward Fitzpatrick Discipleship 2017 Award

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. Edward Fitzpatrick Discipleship Fund Award. Fr. Ed, the Newman Center's director from 1984-2015, envisioned an endowed

**Eric ('98 MS) and Missy ('92 BSN) Aitchison • Iowa City, IA • Regina Catholic Education Center • Iowa City, IA
Caityn Hagarty ('16 BSE) • St. Louis, MO • The Loretto Volunteer Program (Family Care Health Centers) • St. Louis, MO
John Salapski ('93 MA) • Tucson, AZ • Corpus Christi Catholic Church • Tucson, AZ
Amy Scheitler ('94 BA) • Overland Park, KS • Franciscan Mission Warehouse • Independence, MO
Maggie Van Roekel ('16 BA) • Wellman, IA (serving in Bolivia for two years) • Franciscan Mission Service • Washington, DC**

Newman Center alumni are strongly encouraged to apply for this annual award. Applications can be found on the Newman Center's website and should be completed and submitted by April 1 each year. Recipients are selected by a committee and awarded by May.

Louise Wolf-Novak endowed fund created

We are honored to announce the newly created **Louise Wolf-Novak Social Justice and Service Endowment Fund**, established in memory of Louise by her husband, Tom Novak, and their children. A beloved Newman Center member, Louise, 57, died this past February after a two-year battle with ovarian cancer.



Tom states: *Through this endowed fund, we want to support young people who feel called to learn more about the Catholic tradition of social justice that Louise embodied throughout her entire life. She served as an active example to everyone who encountered her. We see no better way to honor Louise's memory than to inspire youth to understand and alleviate the root causes of suffering in our world.*

Annually, a percentage of the endowment's investment proceeds will generate funds to provide a \$2,500 stipend for a Newman Center Social Justice Fellow. With additional contributions, annual payouts also will be used to increase and enhance social justice programming and provide educational speakers.

Contributions to the principal of this endowment can be made by check or securely online at www.iowacatholic.org, noting your gift restriction in the memo or comment section. For questions or concerns about this endowed fund, or to learn how you can establish your own named endowed general fund, or in honor/memory of a loved one (minimum gift of \$15,000), please contact April Rouner by phone (Ext. 119) or email her at: april@newman-ic.org.

May perpetual rest be granted unto Louise Wolf-Novak.



Newman Outreach

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Live the Hope That Comes From Discipleship



Father Steve Witt addressed graduates at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 12th: *From now on, as the Gospel intimates, the rest is about us choosing to believe and in making a choice. We have an opportunity to bring the presence of God in Jesus Christ to the whole world. We do that by recognizing God's presence in all people. In making that choice, we live the hope that comes from discipleship.*

As we celebrate student formation and transformations, we are reminded it is your choice and commitment to the Newman Center that makes it possible for us to prepare students at The University of Iowa to be disciples for Christ. This gives us great hope and humility as we ardently strive to use our resources to best serve our students and community.

Your generosity helped us provide a sacred place for students to grow this spring. Fathers Page and Witt spotlighted the riches of our sacramental traditions in the five-week "Catholicism Ignited" series. The spring retreat provided opportunity for students to take time out to embark on an inner journey to encounter Christ through prayer. A vocation panel encouraged students to ask questions about their vocation in light of their faith. Bishop Amos connected with students on April 20th following the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Synod of Bishops in October 2018 on "Young people, the faith and vocational discernment." Students responded to Bishop Amos' questions about collegiate cultural and social dynamics and what students want from the Church. They affirmed ministries at the Newman Center—including service trips and retreats—were inspirational ways for them to grow in their faith and improve the environment in which they live.

During the 40 days to "Go Big and Come Home" during Lent, students were called to be a witness of the Passion and Resurrection on our campus, in the community, in New Orleans, and in Africa. Sixty-two students participated in the Red Cross blood drive, 100 Habitat for Humanity volunteer hours were given, 27 students served the underprivileged in New Orleans, and many contributed to raise \$20,500 to feed 1055 students in Malawi for a full year.

It is a joy to accompany students and others in our community and recognize the Spirit in the uniqueness of each person. In February, we celebrated the life of Louise Wolf-Novak, who lived life with an assurance of her faith and expansive heart towards social justice. Her husband, Tom, and their children established our first non-clergy named endowment, the "Louise Wolf-Novak Social Justice and Service Endowment Fund." You can read more on the back page.

Your support makes all of these transformative experiences possible. We are grateful for your prayers and stewardship! May you live the hope that comes from discipleship.

Laurie Harris
Newman Center Executive Director

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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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Newman Center Spring semester highlights

February 10-12

Living' on a Prayer Spring Retreat

Thirty-two undergraduate students enjoyed a weekend away at St. Mary's Church in Riverside, IA, experiencing different prayer forms such as Liturgy of the Hours, *Lectio Divina*, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, Confession, Mass. The weekend also offered opportunities to relax, socialize, and build community.



March 26

Vocational Panel

Men's Ministry Group and Catholic Ladies in College [CLiC] sponsored a vocation panel. Students are pictured (above) with panelists that represent the priesthood (Fr. Thom Hennen), religious life (Sr. Anthony Worrell), married life (Robert and Brenda Delsing), and single life (Theresa Alt).

April 8

2017 Newman Center Gala

More than 200 attended the 2017 Gala held in support of the music ministry program of the Newman Center. Next year's Gala—to benefit the mission of the Newman Center—will be Saturday, April 21, 2018. All are welcome!

Easter Week

Passion Play

For the first-time, Newman Catholic Student Center students presented the Passion Play during Easter week. Students asked attendees to make a donation to Mary's Meals in appreciation of their performance.

April 20

Bishop Amos Farewell Visit

Bishop Martin Amos celebrated Mass with University of Iowa Newman Catholic Student Center students following a Youth Synod discussion at the Center. After Mass, a farewell reception was held and a video presented of students and staff thanking Bishop Amos (*right*) for his years of service to the Diocese of Davenport and wishing him well on his retirement.



April 22

Habitat for Humanity Build

Twenty students collectively volunteered more than 100 hours to help a family build hope in Coralville and renovate their home.

April 23

Academic Fellows Commissioning and Blessing

Father Steve blessed our current Student Fellows and commissioned our next academic year Fellows on April 23 after the 4 p.m. Mass. A Fellows transition meeting and celebration dinner followed. Students completed applications and interviewed for a Ministry Development Fellowships. More than 30 dedicated students will hold leadership roles next year.

2017-18 Academic Scholars named

The Newman Center continues to support and provide opportunities for students to grow in their faith as they pursue their academic endeavors at The University of Iowa. The following students will receive a Newman Center Academic Scholarship award of \$500 for the 2017-18 academic school year, from gifts funded through The University of Iowa Foundation. Congratulations to: **Lillian Boenker** (English and Secondary Education), **Brenda Herrera** (Global Health Studies/Pre-Dental), **Marilyn Keane** (Master of Physician Assistant Studies), **Leah Kinney** (Pre-Pharmacy), **Andrew Kordick** (Sports and Recreation Management), **Steven Landa** (Pharmacy), **Drew Madden** (Marketing and Finance), and **Clara Wertzberger** (International Relations and Economics, Arabic Minor).

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 6, 2017

Watch the UI Homecoming Parade from the Newman Center Corner

Food, fun, and festivities with fellow alums. Parade starts at 5:45. More details will be sent as the date nears.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Newman Center Founders and Foundation Clubs Recognition Luncheon

Mass at 11 a.m., with luncheon immediately after. Personal invitations will be sent.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Hunger Forum, Mary's Meals

Throughout the spring, under the leadership of the Newman Center Fellows, students raised awareness and funds for Mary's Meals, an international non-profit program whose vision is for every child in the world to get one meal a day in a place of education. Mary's Meals feeds more than one million school children across five continents (16 countries) on a daily basis. Schools served by Mary's Meals report a rise in enrollment, attendance and attainment; providing an education that will help break the circle of poverty in these countries. Newman Center students (aka Iowa City Student Stewards) worked to raise \$20,500 to feed 1055 students at Chitwui Primary School in Malawi, Africa for a full year.

On April 5, Mary's Meals' **Ellen Miller**, and **Aparna Ajarapu**, The World Food Prize Foundation, presented a Global Poverty & Hunger Forum at the Newman Center. Both women spoke to these pressing and growing issues of social justice and challenged UI students to get involved when and how they can. Miller, the Des Moines area volunteer coordinator/liaison had just returned from a three-week missionary trip to Africa to witness the most current work of Mary's Meals first-hand.

Ajarapu is a third-year UI undergraduate student majoring in Biochemistry with a Certificate in Clinical and Translational Sciences. She participated in the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, conducted a Borlaug-Ruan Internship at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, and is also a two-time World Food Prize USDA/Wallace-Carver Fellow. Ajarapu asked her fellow students to get involved both locally and internationally in the fight against poverty and hunger.



Students and families gathered for a special Baccalaureate Mass for Catholic graduates of The University of Iowa on Friday, May 12 at the Newman Center. Shown here with the students after Mass are Fr. Steve, Fr. Jeff, Christine Wissink (right) and Center Executive Director Laurie Harris (left). During previous weekend Masses, the Newman Center commissioned forth all who were graduating and leaving the Newman Center.

2017 Spring Break Service Trip



For 27 students from the Newman Center, two volunteers from the Catholic Order of Foresters, Fr. Jeff, and his brother Jason, the 2017 Spring Break (March 12-18) will be a time to remember. A week of faith, service, culture and building community came together at a worksite in New Orleans, the house of Jay and Jessica, who had endured a devastating flood last August. Under normal circumstances, the house would have been considered a total loss, but with no flood insurance and few resources, the house had to be salvaged. With limited time and the direction of Jason—the only member with a construction background—the week included lots of demolition and cleanup, ending with the beginning of rebuilding. This very industrious group took up the challenge, kept busy, and accomplished a great deal in a short time. Recognizing that much more work remained after the group left, the house was blessed, and a commemorative new tree was planted. In addition to the house rebuild, the group learned about Hotel Hope, involving several Religious Sisters who have ties to Iowa, one of whom was a former Newman Singer. Staying at St. Jude Center, we helped with meals served to those in need around the neighborhood. Thank you to the 60 donors—including a significant lead gift from Tom and Joan DePrenger—for making this life-changing service trip possible!



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