

Please Give the I-O-W-A Way!

The Newman Catholic Student Center is 100 percent self-funded by private contributions. Our Annual Fund is a mainstay of our ability to carry out the Center's mission to "prepare disciples for our Church and our world." We are asking for your consideration of a gift to the 2017-2018 Annual Fund drive which ends on June 30, 2018.

- I Is the **investment** you will make in the 5000+ Catholic students at The University of Iowa
- O Stands for the **opportunities** your gift provides to address prioritized ministry needs
- W **Ways** to give: check (envelope enclosed); credit card; stock gifts; automatic withdrawals
- A Gifts of **all** sizes are welcomed and **appreciated**

Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Fund 2018 Recipients

The Newman Catholic Student Center recently announced 11 recipients of the Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Fund Award. Annually, Newman Center alumni who carry on the mission of the Newman Center of being a disciple for our Church and our world through involvement in a Catholic parish or non-profit are eligible for this discipleship award.

Fr. Ed, 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. The 2018 recipients and receiving non-profits are:

Christina DalPorto '11
St. Cletus Religious Education Program, LaGrange, IL

Isaac Doucette '12
John Paul II Medical Research Institute, Iowa City, IA

Ryan Gerling '08
Divine Mercy Parish, West Burlington, IA

Adam Haluska '07
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Solon, IA

Leslie Klipsch '01
Empower Tanzania, Inc.

Taylor Majher '17
Peace Corps Guatemala

John & Brooke Mickelson '03
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, West Des Moines, IA

Adam Murray '12
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato, MN

Erin Schwarz '11
Inspired Youth Tutoring, Chicago, IL

Deacon Joe Welter '04
Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, MD

Karen Werner '93
Ronald McDonald House and Four Oaks, Iowa City, IA

More information about, and photos of, these recipients can be found on the Newman Center's website: iowacatholic.org. Applications for the 2019 awards may also be found on the website.



Newman Outreach

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Celebrating the past and future as one community



Graduation and Commencement. Two words on the minds of many people, around Iowa City, wearing black gowns and decorating their mortar board with Hawkeye logos and messages of gratitude to Mom and Dad. Two words celebrated at nearly the same time. One celebrates what happened in the past. One celebrates the future that begins now.

As I walked around the Newman Center these past weeks, with students cramming with last-minute studying and projects coming due, there were a lot of emotions: stress, frustration, and being overwhelmed. Yet I saw a healthy dose of amazement, relief, motivation and inspiration as well.

Within this hyper-emotional end of the academic year, we have much to celebrate. In this newsletter, you will glimpse some of the things we celebrate as we add another year of "preparing disciples for the Church and the world."

I would like to ask a favor. Whether you just recently graduated from The University of Iowa or you are a long-time alumnus, if the Newman Center has been a blessing to you and your family, I would like to hear your story. In the readings at Mass throughout the Easter season, Jesus challenges his disciples to "bear fruit that will remain." We see and experience a lot of fruit that comes to maturity quickly. But, some plants take a few seasons of growth before the harvest of fruit is abundant. Let us know how you are doing.

While we have been looking back and thanking God for all that has happened, we are also looking forward. I am very excited for the next academic year. This will be my fourth year since I came back to the Newman Catholic Student Center. Which means I have had the honor of walking and praying with next year's seniors since they came to Iowa City as freshmen. I am looking forward—along with all the upperclassmen—to welcoming another group of young adults, sharing with them the history of the Newman Center as we work toward the future.

I also am pleased to announce a partnership we have made with two nationally recognized ministries who serve Catholic student centers: Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), and Evangelical Catholic (EC). These two ministries have decided to partner together for the first time, coming to The University of Iowa to help further the mission of the Newman Center. We have put together a short video which provides details of the partnership on our website: IowaCatholic.org.

I pray you continue to grow in your relationship with Christ and His Church. If you are traveling through Iowa City, please stop in and see us.

Fr. Jeffry Belger
Newman Center Priest Director



More than 250 guests enjoyed Newman Center Gala 2018, held on April 21 at The Celebration Farm in Iowa City. Emcee Gary Dolphin directed the evening's events, which included alumni guest speakers Kamille (Wahlin) Meyer '13 and Adam Haluska '07; entertainment by the Newman Singers; silent and live auctions; Fund-A-Cause; and a We Love Local raffle with \$3,000 given away in gift cards to local businesses. Net income from the event exceeded \$80,000. We are grateful to the many event sponsors, attendees, those who donated and/or purchased auction items and raffle tickets, and supporters of Fund-A-Cause.

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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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Students and families gathered at the Newman Center for a special Baccalaureate Mass for Catholic graduates of The University of Iowa on Friday, May 11. During previous weekend Masses, the Newman Center commissioned forth all who were graduating and leaving the Newman Center.



2018-19 Academic Scholarship Recipients

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. These students will receive a Newman Center Academic Scholarship Award of \$500 for the 2018-19 academic school year:

Thomas Asama (Human Physiology, Pre-Physical Therapy); **Karissa Fjeldheim** (Music Education); **Rachel Hess** (Nursing, Spanish minor); **Leah Kinney** (Pre-Pharmacy), **Steven Landa** (Pharmacy), **Charlotte Lenkaitis** (Global Health Studies), **Miroslava Manzanares** (Electrical Engineering), **Maureen Martin** (Pharmacy and Master of Public Health), **Andrea Pingol** (Nursing, Pre-Physician Assistant), **Kelsie Tingle** (Biology/Pre-Pharmacy); **Naomi Smullen** (English and Creative Writing), and **Jocelyn Zenner** (Biomedical Engineering).

We are grateful to the many benefactors who made a contribution for this scholarship fund through The University of Iowa Foundation. *Congratulations to the recipients!*

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Watch the UI Homecoming Parade from the Newman Center Corner

Join us for food and alumni fellowship before the parade, premiere seating for parade viewing. Mass at 5:15; food and parade immediately following. More details to be sent as date nears.

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Newman Center Founders and Foundation Club Recognition Luncheon

Mass at 11 a.m., with luncheon immediately following. Personal invitations to be sent.



On behalf of the Newman Center, Director of Development, April Rouner, and Bishop Emeritus Martin Amos co-hosted a tour for 48 travelers to England, Scotland and Wales in March 2018. The group took in many sights in the three countries and Bishop Amos said daily private Mass in various Catholic churches along the way. Trip proceeds will be used for operational needs of the Newman Center. Another European tour is planned for 2020.

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Spring Semester 2018 Highlights

January 23 – February 27

Catholicism Ignited

Students enjoyed studying the Mass for six weeks using Dr. Edward Sri's *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass* series.

January 28, February 18, April 15

Cooking Class and Community Dinner

Continuing the tradition, this spring college students led a monthly cooking class followed by a community dinner.

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Newman hosted eight prayer services and four Masses on Ash Wednesday to help lead hundreds of students and community members on their Lenten journey.

February 23-25

Discover Spring Retreat

This spring students enjoyed a retreat on discernment which included prayer activities, student speakers, a seminarian speaker, and activities to help them reflect on their vocation.



March 3

The first speaker of the newly established Rossi Center for Faith and Culture brought Dr. David Anders to the Newman Center in March. Dr. Anders shared how his PhD in Reformation History at Iowa led to his conversion into the Catholic Church. Dr. Anders is the radio host of EWTN's *Called to Communion*.



March 11-14

Spring Break Trip

For spring break students journeyed to LaCrosse, WI, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, staying at the Franciscan Hospitality House, and serving at WAFER Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and A Place of Grace Catholic Worker House.

March 25

Mercy Retreat

On Palm Sunday, the Graduate Students hosted an afternoon retreat for college students and young professionals at the Newman Center focusing on God's mercy and reconciliation.

April 14

Habitat for Humanity

Students served at Ronald McDonald House, Hope Lodge, the Catholic Worker House, and Habitat for Humanity.



April 22

Fellows Blessing and Commissioning

Fr. Belger blessed current Student Fellows and Commissioned our next academic year Fellows at the 11 a.m. Mass.

April 28

Nightfever

Students brought the first ever Iowa Nightfever to Iowa City, a young adult international initiative of prayer and evangelization.