

Partnership Opportunities



Our Mission

The Newman Catholic Student Center ministry provides a Catholic faith community for all those associated with The University of Iowa. Through educational programs, social justice activities, retreats, active participation in the Liturgy, and much more, students are prepared *to be disciples for the Church and the world.*

Our Priest Director

Fr. Jeff Belger, accepted the role of Priest Director in 2018. Prior to that, he served as Priest Campus Minister at the center as well as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary of the Visitation parish in Iowa City. Fr. Jeff began his discernment to the priesthood while a student at Notre Dame High School in Burlington, IA. Prior to the priesthood, he worked as a YMCA Program Director and then as a teacher and Youth Minister at Notre Dame High School. He earned both his MA and MDiv in Theology at St. Meinrad School of Theology.

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The Newman Catholic Student Center is 100% self funded with private contributions from individuals and business partners. We depend on the generosity of our benefactors to help fund our ministries so that we can serve our University of Iowa community. Below you will find descriptions of our partnership and funding opportunities.

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is our main funding stream, providing the funds needed to support our annual operating expenses.

Offertory

Offertory, or the collection at Mass is an integral part of our operating budget. For many people, it is an expression of gratitude to God for the blessings He bestows on us.

Many partners give unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund and Offertory. Unrestricted giving us to address prioritized expenses and needs as they arise.

Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Our FOCUS program is an integral part of our mission to *prepare disciples for the Church and the world.* Current annual cost to host 5 missionaries to serve the University of Iowa campus alongside our staff is \$78,000.

What Does "Operating Expense" Mean?

- **Student Programs-** Welcome Week, retreats, scholarships, student fellowships, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary program
- **Administration** expenses- salary, employee benefits, professional development, VIRTUS safe environment for staff and volunteers
- **Technology-** computers, software, database, internet, phones
- **Facilities-** utilities, furnishings, and maintenance
- **Communications and Development-** donor events, mass email capability, social media, postage and printing costs
- **Liturgy and Music Ministry-** candles, altar flowers, copyright licenses, hosts, altar wine



Being self-funded means we work to make the most of every gift to the Center. Our staff works hard to be efficient and resourceful with gifts from our partners. Operating funds allow us to provide the best facilities and resources for students.



Endowment Fund Partnership Opportunities

allow benefactors to support our ministries through several funds that support designated areas of our ministry to students. Endowment funds are designed to keep the principal

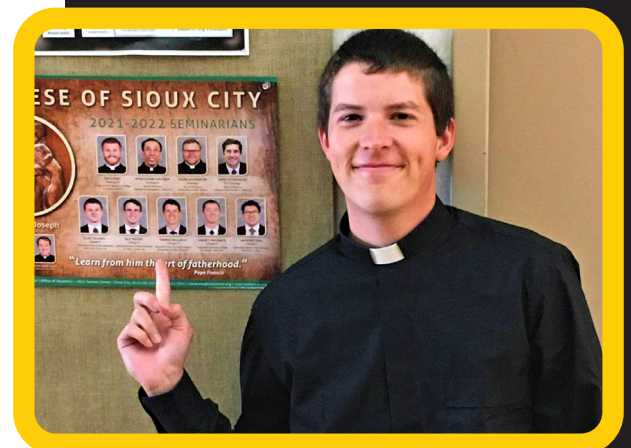
amount of gifts intact while the organization uses the investment income/interest as a funding stream.

- **Outreach & Education** to supports student outreach and faith formation through the funding of outreach department staff.
- **Fellowships and Scholarships** allows for stipends to be awarded annually to student leaders who serve as fellows and scholars in these areas: Service & Social Justice, Liturgical Ministry, Prayer & Worship, Faith Formation, Outreach, and Communications.
- **Louise Wolf-Novak Service & Social Justice** was established in 2017 in memory of Louise Wolf Novak and funds the Social Justice fellow and enhances social justice programs offered at the center.
- **Helen & Nicholas Rossi Center for Faith & Culture** funds two nationally or regionally recognized speakers to present on cultural topics that impact the lives of students.
- **Pieroni Funds for Communication Fellows** was established to fund the Communications Fellow stipend. This fund is not currently fully funded.
- **Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Award** allows the Newman Center to annually recognize 10-12 alumni who carry on our mission of discipleship through their work within a Catholic parish or other non profit. A \$500 financial gift is made to the respective parish or non profit in the name of the recipient.

How Do You Calculate Your Return on Investment?

It is hard to assign a dollar return on investment to your gift. We feel that our students show the true impact that our ministry has on the University of Iowa community through how they live their faith during and after their college years.

Although he thought about the priesthood during his high school years, Thomas Kollasch made the decision to attend UI. Joining the Newman Center at the invitation of a FOCUS missionary, Thomas says he learned what it meant to live a reflective lifestyle in the joy of choosing Jesus through the discipleship of the FOCUS program. His favorite memories of the center are Thursday Night Mass with Fr Jeff and hearing the messages of visiting priests. He related an impactful experience during Adoration that made him understand and realize Jesus saw him and was calling him to serve in the priesthood. After 2 years at UI, he enrolled at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota and is now studying in Rome for the next 5 years. He said during his time at the Newman Center he learned how to accept himself and felt the Lord pulling him in.



Ways to Partner

- **Become a Founders Club Member** by gifting \$5,000 or more to the center through an annual gift commitment of \$1,000 or more per year. You may designate your gift fund, however at least \$250 must be designation to Annual Fund.
- **Become a Foundation Member** through a deferred gift to the center through a charitable trust, bequest, or life insurance policy.
- **Planned Giving** by utilizing a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). A QCD allows individuals who are 70 1/2 years old or older the ability to donate up to \$100,000 total to charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their minimum distribution.
- **Gala Sponsorship** through a donation to help support this fundraising event.

Ways to Give

- **Cash or Check:** Checks may be made payable to the Newman Catholic Student Center and mailed to : 104 E. Jefferson St, Iowa City, IA 52245
- **Automatic Withdrawals (ACH/EFT)** Gifts to the Newman Center may be established through electronic funds transfers from your financial institution. Download a form from our website at www.iowacatholic.com
- **Credit Card Gifts:** One time gifts and recurring gifts may be set up on our website or by calling the office to set up.