



Newman

Catholic Community at Rochester

Building an Endowment for Tomorrow and . . . TODAY!

Meliora—the University of Rochester’s motto—is Latin for “ever better.” This concept has always been a real but unstated goal of the Newman community at the University of Rochester. Since 1929—and especially since being blessed with full-time chaplains in 1963—Newman has served an ever-increasing number of Catholic students on campus with great joy.

Today, Newman is focused on developing new ways to sustain ourselves as a world-class Catholic ministry. Our goals are to

- engage the 1,600 Catholic students throughout the University who are not currently being reached by our ministry,
- address the unique needs of the growing population of international Catholic students,
- provide for the spiritual and emotional needs of a student body that has increased by 25 percent over the past three years,

- establish and grow a Catholic ministry at the Eastman School of Music, the University of Rochester Medical Center, and among graduate students throughout the University’s schools.

As an independent organization housed within the University, we have counted on alumni, parents, friends, and the Diocese for annual financial support over the years. As

the community moves forward and addresses the ultimate Christian challenge to be “ever better,” we continue to count on their prayers and support to build an endowment that will sustain this ministry for generations.

While our staff has been doing a great job with limited resources, there is much more we can do. Through increased endowment support, we can provide more sacramental experiences, increase pastoral presence, develop faith and reasoning skills, and expand student outreach and engagement. Please help us meet the challenges ahead.

*“Strive for the greatest spiritual gifts and
I will show you a more excellent way”*

1 Corinthians 13: 13-1



“Newman has given me an opportunity to grow in my faith and connect with other Catholics on campus.”

— **Natalie Fuentes '17**

American sign language major





Sacramental Experiences

***Our Newman Challenge** is to offer increased opportunities across the entire University for students to have meaningful sacramental lives while on campus.*

Sacraments are an essential and powerful means of building a relationship with Christ and a richer Catholic identity. Engagement with the sacramental life of the church is necessary for every Catholic person to develop relationships that are more meaningful, possess personal integrity, and grow in faith. Individuals who have a positive sacramental experience through campus ministry go on to become strong Christian leaders at home and in their professions. Through the celebration of the sacraments, students are transformed and become authentic witnesses of Christian life and attract newcomers to the life of the church.

“The Newman community is like a second family to me. Every day I can enter the chapel and find someone willing to listen to what I have to say.”

—Chandler Woo '17

biomedical engineering major



Pastoral Presence

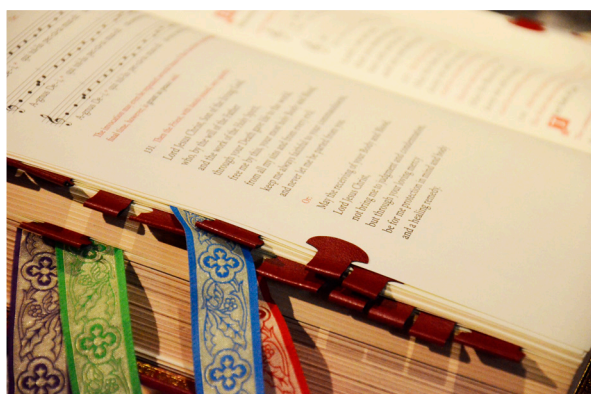
***Our Newman Challenge** is to enable priests and chaplains to serve in the most effective ways by devoting their time to building relationships with students and the University community, providing pastoral care in times of crisis, and responding to the spiritual needs of a growing and evolving student body.*

For more than 50 years, Newman priests and chaplains have played a pivotal role on campus by providing pastoral care, not only to Catholic students but also to the entire University community. They can do more of this important work if they are relieved of some of their other responsibilities. For instance, today they spend more than 40 percent of their time on fundraising.

It is essential that our faith leaders focus on continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus to reach out to those in need with spiritual, emotional, and practical support. Our priests and chaplains encourage and counsel while establishing connections among individuals and University groups. These connections are so important for those in their formative years.

The pastoral support that Newman provides, particularly in times of personal crisis or during a campus-wide tragedy, do not happen haphazardly. They are intentional and a core aspect of the Newman mission.





Faith and Reasoning Skills

***Our Newman Challenge** is to provide students with frequent opportunities to enhance their understanding of the Catholic tradition so that they gain greater self-awareness as Catholics and can articulate their faith on campus and as future Christian leaders.*

A university setting demands the honest engagement of intellectual questions. The church's and Newman's great and long tradition of seeking the intersection of faith and reason provides students and the University community the ability to profoundly contribute to the academic discourse across all fields of study. When there is open discourse between faith and reason, all are enriched.

In a contemporary world, and especially within an academic setting steeped in the sciences and medicine, Catholic students must have new and creative opportunities to deepen and articulate their faith and benefit from the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. These offer a framework for dealing with ethical issues related to their academic fields and a way to understand the power of grace and scripture to help students live the Christian life. Today, forming the Christian conscience through faith and reason is the essential aspect of transforming the world with justice, peace, and truth.

Student Outreach and Engagement

***Our Newman Challenge** is to expand the exemplary social, spiritual, and evangelical programs and reach Catholic students within all schools and programs at the University.*

At Rochester, Newman has a long history of engaging students in programs that offer the opportunity to give to others and grow personally, spiritually, and socially, while developing valuable leadership skills.

Newman programming has increased fourfold since 2000. We now offer more than 120 distinct programs. Some of these inspirational programs include freshman nights, senior reflection nights, Insta-Mass, Kairos Retreats, Newman Fest, and the St. Sebastian Society.

While these programs have worked well at the College, there is a need to provide similar and new programming for graduate students, students at the Eastman School and the Medical Center, and for foreign students. This latter group of international students is approaching 20 percent of the total student population. To exemplify the true Catholic spirit, Newman must reach out to all.



"Newman showed me that faith and academic scholarship were not mutually exclusive. It taught me skills that have served me well throughout a varied career."

—Karen Rinefield '76, '77W (Mas)

Coordinator of Leadership Formation for Parishes, St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry



How You Can Help

All gifts help build meaningful and joyful experiences for our Catholic students. Please consider any of the following giving opportunities.

- **Make Annual Gift:** Your annual support is what keeps Newman going on a day-to-day basis and allows us to continue the programs that work so well. Our annual fund provides us with about 70 percent of our annual budget—it is our lifeline.
- **Join the George Eastman Circle:** As a member of the University's leadership annual giving society, you can designate your contributions to Newman. This five-year financial commitment helps us plan and gives us the confidence to build new, sustainable outreach programs.
- **Create a Legacy:** Visionary gifts by alumni, parents, and friends are beginning to build a modest endowment. In time, these gifts will help ensure that future generations of Newman students will enjoy a welcoming and vibrant community in which to grow their Catholic faith. Importantly, an endowment will enable Newman to significantly expand its ministry, allow chaplains to focus on students, and one day add a second full-time priest or chaplain.

"Newman is about friendship, passion, and commitment. It has made a positive difference in my life."

—**GW VanderZwaag '16**

economics and psychology major



Did You Know?

- ✚ *More than 70 percent of Newman's annual support comes from alumni, parents, and friends.*
- ✚ *Newman engages 70 student leaders, sponsors more than 120 programs, and holds two weekly masses for more than 350 students.*
- ✚ *With more than 2,000 Catholic undergraduate and graduate students on campus, Catholicism represents the largest religious denomination here. Only about 25 percent are involved in our ministry.*

"Newman provided the support of a welcoming community as I grew in my faith, service, and leadership."

—**Mark O'Hara '04**

hematology/oncology physician at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

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