



Newman Catholic Community

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Newman Notes

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DR. ANN JACKSON CATHOLIC SCHOLARS

We hit the pause button on our Catholic Scholars program in 2018. We changed the program to six week modules, and it was not what we had hoped



it to be. After visiting anew with both the Philosophy Department and Continuing Education at EIU, we did a *re-launch* of our program this Fall.

We returned to the full semester, two hour a week course with the hopes that our courses can transfer in as part of a Priority Learning Agreement. If all goes well, our students will be able to apply our courses towards the Religious Studies Minor at EIU.

Our first cohort of students began this Fall. We will be adding students and courses each year until we have all six courses offered once again. Fr. Ryan McDaniel, (pictured) and Roy Lanham will be the primary instructors for the courses. The six courses are Introduction to Theology, Ecclesiology, Biblical Studies, Christology, Sacramental Theology, and Moral Theology.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND MORE!

"When I look up there, I see the *Communion of Saints* on the wall." It was a statement made by our past chaplain, Fr. John Titus. What is so wonderful is he was not the only one who voiced this desire to see icons of saints on the north wall of the chapel.

The good news is we only have to raise \$2,600 towards the \$30,800 needed. Bishop Paprocki has given us approval to move forward on this five-year project. The 12 saints to grace our chapel wall have been chosen and are part of our larger effort to add to the prayerful environment at Newman.

We had a "silent campaign" which included raising money for building a confessional screen/wall for our Reconciliation Room (\$1,500-finished), commissioning an icon for our sister community in Pewou (\$500-finished), and adding to our outdoor Marian Shrine with votives and candles (\$4,000 -\$2,500 raised toward this).

If you would like to make a gift towards the \$4,100 needed, you can send your donation in the enclosed envelope, and write "Communion of Saints" or "Marian Shrine" in the memo field so

we know how to direct your donation. If you have any questions, please email Maureen at msmith@eiunewman.org.

Our Communion of Saints: St. Philip Neri, St. Hedwig, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Oscar Romero, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John Henry Newman, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Venerable Augustus Tolton, Servant of God-Dorothy Day, Servant of God-Thea Bowman

N.B. If by the time we get to Augustus, Dorothy and Thea and they are not Blessed, then we will consider choosing other saints.



Bill & Linda Kirk and Ed & Lynn Neal (benefactors) with Fr. Braden, Sher Lanham (artist, third from left), Madison Ley '20 & Maria Cruz '22 from the Haiti Connection after the blessing of the icon at St. Philip Neri Chapel.



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HELLOS AND GOODBYES



On July 1st, we said goodbye to Father Hyland. He is now pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Jerseyville. We also said goodbye to our graduate assistant

Teresa and our intern Chelsey. We wish them all well in their new endeavors. Their efforts will be greatly missed.

We also welcomed Father Braden Maher, our new chaplain. He was previously at Our Savior Parish in Jacksonville. We are enjoying Father Braden's energy and excitement! Jessica Runde is our new graduate assistant. While here, she leads a small group, does one-on-one discipleship, and helps plan our events.



PILGRIMAGE TO WALK EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

May 27-June 30, 2020 the Newman Community will be on pilgrimage. It is part of our celebration of being in pilgrimage on the campus of EIU for the past 80 years. We invite students, alumni, and friends to embark on this journey as a time of renewal--one that will draw us into finding God in all things, past, present, and future. The hope is to engage the human heart (and our feet) to experience moments of stillness and clarity to allow God to guide our steps as disciples on pilgrimage. If you are interested in knowing more, go to Newman's website (eiunewman.org) and click on retreats. There is information, registration, and a breakdown of costs depending on your length of travel over the month.



NEWMAN TRAVELS AROUND THE STATE TO HOST ALUMNI MEET-UPS NEAR YOU

In 2018, we started traveling around the state, hosting events to gather and reconnect with alumni in various cities and neighborhoods. This year, we were fortunate enough to have three successful meet-ups. It is such a pleasure to come to *you* to reconnect and share where life has led you over the years.

The top photo is from our most recent Meet Up in Springfield. A fun-filled event with lots of catching up. The middle photo is from our gathering with alumni in downtown Chicago.



This intimate gathering allowed us to catch up with alumni of all grad years! The bottom photo is from our Naperville Meet Up. This was the biggest group of alumni to gather so far, and we had so much fun! Where will we go next? Keep watching.

OUR VISION STATEMENT: To invite the EIU Community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact in the world.



PANTHER AWAKENING V

BY MARIA CRUZ '22

I was able to attend PA5 because of a generous donor. I went with the mindset that it would be a typical Catholic retreat. I felt awkward because I did not know the people that were around me, even the ones that were in my small group. I knew some of the group leaders that went, but I was not in their group. At one point we had to write our burdens. I cried my eyes out, just reflecting on past events and choices I have made. They were my burdens that had nothing to do with Jesus. After that night my reflection was, "Jesus is



our parent, the one who will make us realize that we did wrong but will also guide us to what is right afterwards."

Sunday was life changing for me, we learned about the MBOC (mystical body of Christ). While reflecting on the MBOC, I began crying because that's what I had been struggling with for a long time. I recently changed my major. People were telling me that I was smart enough to make it through my old major. I was glad that I changed it but, at the same time, I felt sad.

The MBOC and the retreat felt like a surprise birthday party, unexpected and surrounded by love. I appreciate the scholarship so much because PA made my faith stronger, and I finally understood what my dad always meant by giving God all your problems, sadness, or burdens. I was able to let go.



On November 12th, we welcomed sisters from the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a sister from Sisters of the St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, seminarians from Bishop Bruté, Lauren & Derek Hennig, and Fr. Mark Tracy to share their vocational stories with our students.

The evening started with Mass, followed by a panel discussion, and breaking the students into two groups to ask questions. The evening finished with a meal which allowed the students to mingle with the sisters, priests, and seminarians. For many students, the chance to speak with a religious sister was a first. It was a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, and shared stories of ministry. Thank you to our campus ministry staff, in particular Emily Rogers and Fr. Braden for making the evening happen!



THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED NEWMAN NIGHT 2019!



Pictured with Roy Lanham and Doris Nordin is Amber Salutric '20, Volunteer of the Year.

SAVE THE DATE
Newman Night
 Remembering our past.
 Celebrating our present.
 Ensuring our future.
November 14, 2020



Grant Manning '19, Jessica Runde '17, '20 (our current graduate assistant), Jessica Anderson '22, and Blake Malatestinic '21

Thanks to our Newman community for another successful **Newman Night**. With your help, we raised over \$39,700. This leaves us with a profit of more than **\$31,000** to benefit the students and programs of the Newman Catholic Community!



Dr. Julian Hamerski Student Leadership Award winners (from left to right) and the year of their award, pictured with Fr. Braden Maher, Doris Nordin, and Roy Lanham. Jason Anderson '96, Ben Hahn '18, Dustin McMillan '19, Erin Zurek '19, David Lauzon '18, Madison Ley '18, and Marissa (Jernegan) Grant '05

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