



# DONOR IMPACT REPORT

# 2019 2020



# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Our home is our refuge. It is a place of safe harbor.  
It should be a place of joy.  
It should be a place where we experience compassion and generosity.  
It is also is a place where we build our capacity to love.

Your support this past year has created this “place” at the Newman Catholic Community at EIU. A place where our students have come to experience the love of our Lord and have indeed built their capacity to love. Amidst the fears, concerns, brokenness, and hatred found in our society and world, we have a place, and more so a community where joy, compassion, generosity and refuge are given and received. It is a reflection of our ultimate homecoming where we will live in union with God for eternity. Thank you for giving our students a glimpse of glory.

Peace and All Good,

Roy Lanham  
Director

# Our Supporters



400  
ALUMNI



27  
PARENTS



357  
FRIENDS

13  
STUDENTS

53  
FACULTY

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# With Your Support...

**92 Awakeners** encountered Christ on the fall and spring Awakening retreats. Your generosity continues to help this retreat and students grow!

**52 Students** opened scripture together each week to create conversation around faith and student life.

**105 Donors** contributed to our annual fund drive for our 80th anniversary totalling over \$12,000 raised.

**38 Amigos & Friends** gathered to build stronger communication skills and form relationships with non-native speakers.

**28 Sunday Dinners** provided to gather students and community members after Mass to break bread and join in relationship.

**1 Big Thanks** to all those who support the Newman Catholic Community and make our presence on the EIU campus possible. We could not do this without you!

Our mission is to invite the EIU community into transforming relationships with Christ and one another, empowering all to create a lasting impact on the world.

# Faith & Family

This past year we had six young people in our RCIA classes. They met faithfully throughout the academic year. They were so very eager to join the Church at the Easter Vigil. Well, you know what happened. However, in the uncertainty, God's grace really took hold. We were able to continue to meet via Zoom and to share faith and provide formation. It was actually amazing, because we had the time to explore some new topics we never would have gotten to otherwise. Alright, all that is background for what happened next.

Two of our young women were sisters. This summer, we gathered with them at the chapel, and they were received into full

communion in the Catholic Church. We were all moved by their witness of faith as they went into the baptismal font, and Fr. Braden poured the water over them. Brittney wrote: "It's a beautiful day to become a Catholic Christian! So blessed and thankful to be able to join a beautiful family." Your gift makes this possible. Brittney recognized for her Jesus Christ is everything, and she realizes the Church is where she can live this reality.

Listen to what Brooke wrote: "What an amazing day. Today I said my "yes," and joined the Catholic faith with my sister by my side. God has a plan for me, and I am so glad that all of these amazing people get to be with me through the journey..."





# Blake's Story

**How important was the Newman Community for you in depending your faith?**

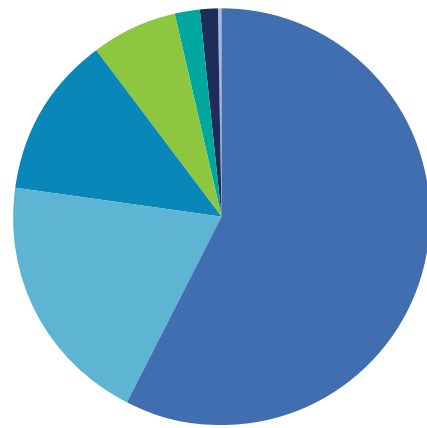
Incredibly important. There is a bit of serendipity in all of this, because during my undergraduate I lived less than a holy life. So when I came to EIU as a grad student, I saw a chance to reframe my life. I started coming to Adoration and Mass. I got involved in the Knights of Columbus, eventually becoming the Grand Knight, and I experienced a community of students who love the Lord and lived their life for Him. In fact, it was at Newman during Adoration that I made my decision to apply for the seminary. And whether I stay six years and get ordained or six months and discern out I am so glad Newman became my spiritual home.

**From your perspective, how important is a life of faith to you?**

Most important. Most of the messages we receive in college is DO WHAT YOU WANT. It is very me-centered. And so, realizing there is a community wanting to live out faith and to be a witness to the presence of God is so vital. It didn't look like that in undergrad. When I got here I made a decision to live out my faith. The shift we all have to make is to live for the Other and for others. I grew into what love is: self-giving. We have to give ourselves to those around us. It is a reflection of Christ's love. It helps us to realize we are playing for the endgame, which is heaven.

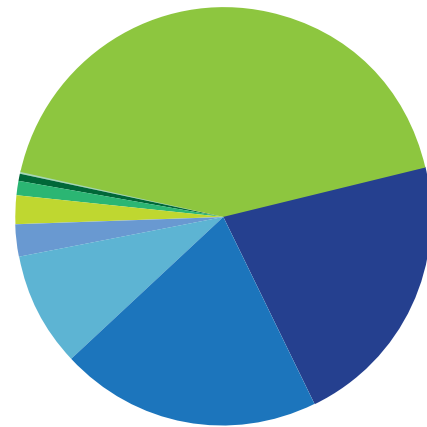
# Financial Report

## Expenses



- \$311,500 Salaries & Benefits
- \$106,000 Service & Hospitality
- \$68,000 Administration & Fundraising
- \$36,100 Facilities Management
- \$9,700 Retreats & Liturgy
- \$8,100 Catholic Scholars Program/Formation
- \$260 Evangelization & Leadership

## Revenue



- \$193,000 Annual Fund
- \$95,700 Diocesan Subsidy
- \$91,000 Bequests
- \$40,000 Special Event
- \$12,000 Capital Projects
- \$9,900 Campus Ministry Fees
- \$4,800 Parking & Bulletin Fees
- \$2,500 Grants
- \$800 Endowments

## Endowment Totals

**\$12,740.69**

Lauren Bovis Alternative Spring Break Memorial Scholarship

**\$7,422.08**

Dr. Julian Hamerski Leadership Scholarship

**\$28,486**

Jeff and Karen Boshart Summer of Service Scholarship

**\$405,592**

Dr. Ann E. Jackson Catholic Scholars

# Looking Forward

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With your support, we are building on our strengths and preparing our students for parish life after college. Our goals for the 2020-21 year include the following:

**Implementing** a new retreat narrative structure which will deepen our students ability to grow in faith and better prepare graduates to live their faith in society

**Reaching** campus in new ways through a hybrid model of ministry during this time of COVID-19 with small groups and evenings of reflection

**Providing** weekly student formation and service opportunities that allows students to live mission in real tangible ways both on and off campus

**Standing** strong as a place of prayer and encounter with the sacraments on campus

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