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This Week's Intentions

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#### **Collection**

Last weekend's collection was \$63.00 Thank you for your generosity! As a guide, local residents are encouraged to tithe; graduates students are encouraged to give \$5-\$8 per week and Undergraduates \$3-\$5 per week as you are able. If you are away please consider making up your support.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17th, 2016

# <u>COOL THOUGHTS</u>

As we start a new academic semester and 2016, I want to take time to thank you all for making Newman such a wonderful presence on campus and a ministry that truly makes a difference in the lives of so many, including my own! A special thanks to Sr. Leandra, Anne and Karen our Newman staff who do so much on a daily basis! I am also very grateful for our over 70 student leaders whose leadership and faith are true models of Christian love!

As you see, we have a new bulletin format for the year ahead. Many of us start new semesters and the New Year with a reflection of the larger picture of our lives and we change things up a bit. We try to meet new expectations and needs with a new plan of attack. The same is true for the Newman Community. To this end, let me share with you some 'big picture' things happening this semester and in the next few years at Newman.

AGAPE LATTE: The St. Sebastian Society is just now setting plans to bring to campus this program that calls on professors to speak about their faith in a coffee house atmosphere. Founding at Boston College ten years ago, this program has grown to other Catholic college campuses and now the desire is to see if the great success they have been seeing can be replicated at non-Catholic college es and universities. Members of the team will travel to Boston in early February with the hopes we can host our first AGAPE LATTE here at the UR this Spring.

**STEPHEN MINISTRIES**: Last summer Newman received a grant to investigate a program that trains volunteers to be 'active listeners' for those who are struggling. We hope this can provide a wonderful peer to peer ministry that will enhance the Christian call of care and compassion in an organized fashion and meet a growing need on campus.

**BUDGET:** Financially Newman is as strong as we have ever been. This year we have what I am calling a 'growth budget'. Basically, this means as we grow our ministry, we have planned a deficit in our annual budget. While larger than I would like, almost \$20,000, we also are creating a plan to encourage increased alumni and parent support through our annual appeals and doing so with a strategic plan.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Five years ago we created a Newman Advisory Board. It is one of the best things we have ever done. This group of very talented alumni, parents and friends of Newman has tackled a number of challenges and needs for us here at Newman and literally has changed the face of Newman. In the works now is creating a five year strategic plan. A draft will be presented to the entire board and then shared for comments and input from all. I am extremely excited by this opportunity to articulate what want to accomplish in the next five years and lay out steps in how we intend to achieve it! It is exciting indeed! I am so overjoyed with the support and engagement the board and other have with this project. It will raise our ministry to new heights!!

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:** The word Catholic means 'universal'. Each week I am overjoyed to see so many students from various parts of the world celebrating our common Catholic faith. I deeply desire to engage all that is good from this opportunity before us. I remain convinced by doing so; we will all grow in a deeper holiness. To be honest, I do not have a fully articulated plan at this time to do this. It is something we are taking steps towards and reflecting deeply on it and potential opportunities to do what we already do better and to find new paths together. It must be a stronger part of our programming and ministry in a much more dynamic way. In the coming semester and year, please share with me what might make this a real opportunity for our community!

This is just some of the 'big picture' at Newman. I am not the best communicator at times. I often find myself fully engaged by so many blessings, persons and opportunities that fully communicating these things are at times neglected. If you want to discuss any aspects of these please do not hesitate to ask. Also, if you have any ideas, please share them!

I so look forward to this semester and 2016!

Peace, Fr. Cool

## Newman B-Board Notes

Welcome back! Be sure to check this section throughout the semester to stay up-to-date with Newman E-Board news!



## **Volunteering Opportunities**

### <u>Alternative Spring Break - Try Something Different This Year!</u>

Interested in making a difference AND having a great time this coming spring break? Newman sponsors the longest consecutive running Alternative Spring Break on campus to Baltimore, MD. Join us as we travel to work with the people in the inner-city. Contact **Anne** for more information or the registration form if you are interested!





## Newman Weekly Schedule

#### Tuesday: NEWMAN NIGHT

4-6:00PM: Study Break (River Level, Interfaith Chapel) 6-7:00PM: Free Dinner (River Level, Interfaith Chapel) 7-7:30PM: Rosary Group (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

#### Wednesday:

10-10:30PM: Instamass (Sue B. Dorm, Friel Lounge)

#### Sunday:

10:30-11:30AM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel) 7-8:00PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

### Kairos 30 - Across the Waters

February 5th-7th

Top 5 reasons to attend this Kairos :

- 1. No campus food for a whole weekend.
- 2. Find out why the sign of peace takes forever after Kairos every semester.
- 3. 35 instant friends you never knew you were missing.
- 4. You want to find out what "across the waters" means.

Encounter God in a safe and supportive environment that makes prayer and self-discovery as natural as it should be in daily life, but hardly ever is.

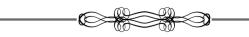
To register for Kairos 30: Across the Waters, fill-out a sign-up sheet on the back table and bring \$15 to any Newman staff member at the chapel.



## World Youth Day 2016

Interested in attending World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland? Wanting to come to "an international Catholic event focused on religious faith and youth?" Then contact **Fr. Cool** for details!





### **Attention all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors!**

Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector with Newman? Be sure to sign-up on the back table. No experience is necessary. Please contact Sr. Leandra if you have any questions