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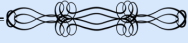
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This Week's Intentions

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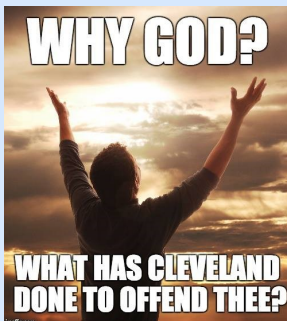


Collection

Last weekend's collection was \$304. 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.



Newman Laughs



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NEWMAN

Catholic Community at Rochester

First Sunday of Lent - February 14th, 2016

COOL THOUGHTS

"FINALLY" as one headline wrote, quoting Pope Francis as the pope met the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill, last Friday at José Martí International Airport in Havana. It was the first time leaders of the two churches have met since the great schism 1,000 years ago divided Christianity in 1054.

In Christian history, this event was magnanimous!

The Associated Press reported both, "...religious leaders embraced and kissed one another three times on the cheek as they met...and that Francis said, "Finally!" when he embraced Kirill ...(who) through an interpreter, told the pope, "Now things are easier."

The two leaders issued a joint documentation on religious unity that in part read:

"Thousands of victims have already been claimed in the violence in Syria and Iraq...we urge the international community to seek an end to the violence and terrorism and, at the same time, to contribute through dialogue to a swift return to civil peace."

The meeting by all accounts is significant and historical. Both Churches described it as an, "The Holy See and the Moscow Patriarchate hope that it will also be a sign of hope for all people of goodwill. They invite all Christians to pray fervently for God to bless this meeting, that it may bear good fruits."

Other themes of the 30-paragraph statement between the two Churches:

- A consideration of Orthodox and Catholic history — a millennium united and a millennium in division, a division that is due to "human weakness and of sin" and despite Christ's prayer "that they may be one." A pledge to unite efforts to overcome the divergences

- Reflections on the sufferings being endured by Christians and others in the Middle East and Africa, and affirmation that the martyrs of our day are "a pledge of the unity of Christians"

- Affirmation of the importance of interreligious dialogue and declaration that no crime can be committed in God's name

- Notes on increasing threats to religious freedom, and a call to Europe to remember its Christian roots

- Acknowledgment that the world needs a united witness: "...the future of humanity will depend on our capacity to give shared witness to the Spirit of truth in these difficult times."

- Affirmation of hope in Christ and a prayer that Our Lady will "inspire fraternity in all those who venerate her, so that they may be reunited, in God's own time..."

This Wednesday night, February 17 from 7:30 to 8:45 pm here at the Interfaith Chapel Newman will host a webinar entitled FINALLY. The presenter will be Rochester and Newman alumnus Jack Figel who will discuss this historic event and explore what it means for Christian and Orthodox relationships and the world. Jack is founder of Eastern Christian Publications and Orientale Lumen Conference that focus on the dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Having met personally Popes and Patriarchs, Jack is in an extraordinary position to provide historical analysis and current realities in Orthodox and Catholic relationships. Come join us for what promises to be a most enlightening event.

Peace, Fr. Cool

E-Board Notes:

Are you passionate about UR Newman? Consider joining the Newman Fest Subcommittee. Contact Daniela Burnes (dburnesv@u.rochester.edu) or Griffin Cunningham (gcunnin4@u.rochester.edu) to sign up or for more information.

Have you ever wondered how you can help get more people at Newman events? Here's how! E-Board is looking to form a poster subcommittee to get the word out about our events on campus. Being a part of this would involve picking up a few posters after Mass some Sundays and hanging them up in either your dorm building or a specific building or 2 on campus. Please contact Diego Martinez (dmarti20@u.rochester.edu) if you are interested.



Volunteering Opportunities:

Alternative Spring Break

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 Frenchville, PA. Contact **Anne** for more information or the registration form if you are interested!

St. Joseph's House

Looking for a place to volunteer? Help us have a community impact by volunteering with St. Joseph's House. Contact Ixel Valeriano (ivaleria@u.rochester.edu) if interested.



Graduate Students:

There are various Graduate Assistantships in Student Life that are available for the 2016-2017 academic year. To find out more, please visit their website at <http://rochester.edu/college/wcsa/graduatestudents.html>



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)

Friday

7:25-9:30PM: St. Joseph's House Volunteering

Sunday:

10:30-11:30AM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

7-8:00PM: Mass (River Level, Interfaith Chapel)

Happy
Valentine's
Day

How about a Techno-Fast for Lent?

For this Lent, take some time on Mondays to unplug your cell and social media devices for 12 or 24 or less hours (or even 9-5PM). Take that time to devote some heart to heart facetime with God. We "techno-fast" as a community, in solidarity, and know that the reflection, silence and generosity serve as deeply rewarding and spiritually refreshing.

Volunteer Year:

Thinking about starting your next adventure? On Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00pm EST, Mercy Volunteer Corps will be broadcasting a live webinar focusing on what it looks like to complete a full year of service work. Please contact Ashley (AshleyHendzell@mercyvolunteers.org) with questions. If you are unable to make the live feed, you can still watch it later at: <http://www.mercyvolunteers.org/webinar/>

Newman Around the World:

Featuring Kara Rubio from Piti, Guam

From one of the smallest towns on the island of Guam, comes Kara Rubio, a Newman E-Board alumna. Kara's home town, Piti, is perhaps one of the few places in the US (Guam is a territory) where people pass from their hood kids. It's -knows-sized town the perfect foster the community



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Community worship is important in the predominantly Catholic Guam. Kara describes that, as is common across America, people often lapse from church attendance. However, she loves the warm welcome she has witnessed in the congregation when people return (something probably seen less often in the contiguous 48!). "Finding your way back to God," she says "is communal." This is a beautiful lesson for all, for our God who is love delights in welcoming back lost sheep and prodigal children.

Kara finds the same sense of welcome here at Newman, but notes one major difference in our Mass. English is spoken both here and there, but the Church is preserving the island language, Chamorro, in prayers at Mass

REPRESENT: Newman Poster Contest

Do you want to show others how much you love Newman and get more people involved? The Eboard is hosting Newman Poster Contest to get the word about everything that goes on here. Bring your creativity and follow a few simple guidelines and information that needs to be shared in your work. Check out Newman email this week for complete details. Winning poster gets a gift card!!

INTERFAITH SERVICE TO THOSE HUNGRY From 10-12pm next Saturday we will gather to assemble brown bag lunches. Then from 12-2 we travel to a local shelter to serve a meal. Drivers helpful. For more information please contact Fr Cool at bcool@admin.rochester.edu