

What's Happening in Catholic Campus Ministry?

When UK students return in August, the flurry of activity at the Newman Center returns as well. Kevin Steele, Campus Ministry Coordinator, organizes everything from intramural sports, outdoor adventures, spiritual discussions and prayer groups. Campus ministry offers many ways for students to get involved with peers in a faith-filled environment. Monthly outdoor adventures and recreation help create campus community while organized service projects/trips provide the opportunity for students to help others in need. Weekly spiritual discussions, scripture readings and faith sharing ensure continued formation in the faith.

UPCOMING STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- November, 2008: Outdoor adventure to Carter Caves State Park
Kentucky Catholic Student Coalition retreat, Louisville
Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build in Lexington
- January, 2009: Service trip to Florida State Parks for camping and volunteering
Outdoor adventure to Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- February, 2009: Overnight spring semester retreat
Outdoor adventure to Natural Bridge State Park
- March, 2009: Service trips including the Mexico immersion trip, Chicago Urban Plunge, Gulf Coast Hurricane Katrina rebuild and Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge.

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Weekly Student Ministry Activities

Fall semester intramural sports:
Flag football & volleyball

Spring semester intramurals:
Basketball, softball, volleyball,
ultimate Frisbee, and
inner tube water polo

Every Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Wildcat Wednesdays
for food, fellowship & faith sharing

7:00 p.m. Exploring the Faith
Theology discussions to better
understand Catholicism

Sundays & Tuesdays

Lectio Divina: Praying the scrip-
tures and discussions connecting
weekly Mass reading with daily
life. (Sundays before 5 p.m.)
Mass and Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.)

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Letter from the President -Dave Uckotter



Every day we see changes in our lives. Circumstances change, like graduating from college, getting married, finding a job or having children. These changes are opportunities to grow and make a difference in the world. Other changes, like getting older, contracting cancer or losing a loved one are scary to us. But these too are opportunities to grow and make a difference in the world. We must always focus our lives so that everyday experiences help shape our lives and help us grow to give back to those behind us who need our help.

The Newman Foundation, Inc. strives to grow our Catholic faith in Central Kentucky. The University of Kentucky is growing and wants to become a Top 20 University. As the university grows, a larger number of Catholic students arrive at the Newman Center each year. Students are more interested in their faith and need more intellectual stimulus than ever before. This change requires us to find more ways to engage young people and help them grow to make the next generation one that will propel us to greater knowledge and understanding of our faith and community.

The Cottrill-Rolfes Chair In Catholic Studies fulfilled 30 years of dreams. Dr. David Hunter, the first occupant of this chair, is now giving our community an opportunity to expand the horizons of our Catholic faith. His classes give students the first real college and graduate-level courses in Catholic religious studies in the region. The influence of the Chair will continue to grow and have a profound effect on the intellectual training of students both as members of the university and Holy Spirit Parish. The Cottrill-Rolfes Chair In Catholic Studies is a new cornerstone for the Foundation that will carry on our mission and tradition of service. The Chair provides a new avenue of faith building that is available for not only students but also for all of our community either through university classes or small group events at the Newman Center.

The Foundation is working on establishing a professorship endowment to complete the vision of the Catholic Studies program at UK. Additional funding is necessary to infuse new vigor to the Distinguished Speaker Program and the Grants programs. A new student leadership program must be funded to provide leadership training to students who will one day become tomorrow's leaders in many of our parishes. A Capital Campaign was launched this year and we have reached 58% of our \$3,600,000 goal. Gifts have ranged from \$5 to \$500,000. Special gratitude is given to our many "Fellows and Founders" friends who are so consistent in their support of the Foundation. We need your prayers as well as donations to help make this campaign a success and continue to enrich our Catholic future.

Newman Foundation donor receives Lumen Christi Award

Each of us is called to be the light of Christ but how many of us actually answer that call? One of Newman Foundation's own has answered that call... Dr. Carol Cottrill.

On September 27, Cottrill, a 71-year-old pediatric cardiologist, was in Chicago to receive Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award, the nation's highest honor for home mission work. At a reception in the home of Cardinal Francis George, Dr. Cottrill was surrounded by friends and family who traveled to the Windy City to witness this prestigious event.

Dr. Cottrill's mission is to the health of the needy in eastern Kentucky, where she runs two monthly cardiac care clinics. Cardiovascular problems are the single largest contributor to infant mortality associated with birth defects.



In 1961, Carol Cottrill gave birth to daughter Crystal. The baby had a condition known as Tetralogy of Fallot, a constellation of heart abnormalities that today is generally correctable by surgery. During this time, laser surgery and heart stents for infants were not even thought of.

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Newman Foundation Campaign reaches over \$2 million

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The one-year anniversary of the launching of Newman Foundation's capital campaign, "Enriching Our Catholic Future" is quickly approaching. The campaign has focused on securing funds for a variety of initiatives including a Chair in Catholic Studies, a Professorship in Catholic Studies, and programming for campus ministry/student leadership. It is also seeking to expand key initiatives such as the Distinguished Speakers Series, the grants program and building up the funding to sustain the operations of the foundation.

The Foundation has secured \$2,141,367 in donations to date. In order to execute the overall vision, the foundation is hoping to raise an additional \$1.5 million. "This is a 3-year journey and we are just now completing our first year and have reached 58% of the \$3,650,000 goal." says Dave Uckotter, President of Newman Foundation, Inc. "Over 260 individuals or families have helped the foundation get to this point. We hope to have an additional 250 individuals or families donate over the next two years to help us realize the Foundation's vision."

The fruits of labor are already evident. Dr. David Hunter is beginning his second year as the Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky and Newman Foundation is now working with UK on establishing a Professorship in Catholic Studies. Students enrolled at UK now have the opportunity to enroll in classes regarding the early history of Christianity and Catholicism.

But there is still a lot more work to do. There are over 6,000 Catholic students enrolled at UK and it takes a lot of time and money to create outreach programs for these students. The funding from the Newman Foundation campaign will assist with this student programming. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity of everyone who has contributed to the campaign thus far." says Uckotter. "Their act of kindness will impact the future of the Catholic faith in this community for years to come."

Are you interested in donating to NFI's "Enrich Our Catholic Future" campaign? If so, please visit www.newmanfnd.org and click on the "Donate Now" button on the home page.

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Carol began to learn everything she could about the workings of a baby's heart. She enrolled in night school at the University of Cincinnati and eventually entered medical school. After her first year in medical school, Crystal's heart gave out at age 6. Two months later, a grieving Carol Cottrill went back to classes to continue the mission she had embarked upon. Over the years, Dr. Cottrill established clinics in Pikeville and Somerset. Children with heart conditions need to be regularly monitored, so these clinics made it easier for rural Kentuckian families to get the necessary healthcare. Cottrill is a wonderful role model for medical students in training. "I try to tell my students that there is more to practicing medicine than merely taking care of people. You're setting a Christian example as well. I have a Christian commitment to go the extra mile."



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Physically mending the hearts of children is not the only mission in Carol Cottrill's life. She and her husband, Tom Rolfes, have served as foster parents to more than two dozen children, most of who were born with debilitating medical conditions.

Tom and Carol also played an important role in the launching of a Newman Foundation capital campaign to secure a Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky by providing a generous donation of \$500,000. Tom serves on the Newman Foundation board and both serve on the campaign steering committee. Today, the Chair in Catholic Studies is in place in the College of Arts & Sciences and is held by Dr. David Hunter. In addition to the Chair, potential donors are being solicited to secure a professorship in Catholic Studies, provide additional outreach programs for campus ministry and enhance other programs initiated by Newman Foundation.

Newman Foundation, Inc. is proud to be associated with Dr. Carol Cottrill and Tom Rolfes, two individuals who know the true meaning of being a light of Christ.

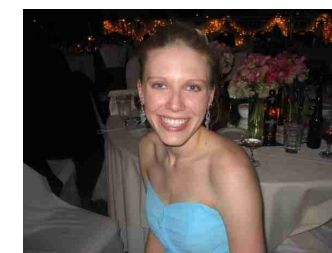
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Spotlight on New Board Members



Meet Tom Woods

Tom Woods is a native of Salvisa in Mercer County, Kentucky and attended St. Andrew's Catholic School and Mercer County High School in Harrodsburg. Tom has a BA in psychology from Transylvania University and did his graduate work at Ohio University in visual communications. Tom worked at the Lexington Herald-Leader for 30 years in the photo department. He and his wife, Carol, have been married for 31 years. While attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tom participated in the RCIA program and converted to Catholicism. He and his wife currently attend the Newman Center and are involved in the spaghetti dinner ministry, parish picnics and photography for various church events.



Meet Jen France

Jen France is a recent UK graduate from Ludlow, Kentucky. Jen graduated with BS in Biology and started at UK Medical School this fall. Jen has been an enthusiastic participant of Newman Center Intramurals, including flag football, volleyball, and softball for the past four years. Last January, she attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. with the Newman Center. She also participates in service opportunities with the Newman Center such as Halloween parties and serving dinner at the Catholic Action Center.

Right: Newman Center's Habitat coordinator Gene Wade works with students to put the finishing touches on a Habitat for Humanity house in Lexington.



Above: Volunteers from the Newman Center and other Catholic churches in Lexington build a fence at a Habitat for Humanity house.

Right: A group of UK students downtown at the Courthouse Plaza. Group bike rides are one of many events offered to students by the Newman Center during the year.

Student Ministry in Action



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