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Letter from the President -Katie Yunker



One way to look at the Newman Foundation's mission is as an infusion of the spirit of a Catholic college or university into students' experience in attending UK and other non-Catholic institutions. "Catholic colleges should be helping students move closer to Christ,"* and that's Newman Foundation's goal, too.

How can we help students understand that deepening their religious engagement is not in conflict with the increased responsibilities and opportunities that come with college, but instead is a way of strengthening them in meeting responsibilities and of enriching those opportunities? Newman Centers offer students the vital nourishment of liturgies and spiritual guidance, leadership-building activities, and ways to participate in the Church's commitment to justice and the service to others.

At UK, students also are offered a variety of programs to reflect and learn more about their faith — which took a quantum leap with the establishment of the Cottrill-Rolfes Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies and ongoing work toward an Endowed Research Fund in Catholic Studies. All these efforts are supported by the Foundation, and the engagement of many non-students with the Foundation and its programs is a witness to students that the Catholic faith is a life-long and life-increasing resource for "adult" cares and concerns.

What of the students who come to college identifying themselves as Catholic, but have completely disengaged from the faith before they graduate? A recent study** reports that this describes over 10% of the Catholic youth who enroll at Catholic colleges and universities. It also concludes that those students who leave the Catholic faith are less likely to have been regular or frequent in their religious practices before entering college and more likely to say that their faith has been weakened by a personally or socially traumatic event.

Through its grants program, the Newman Foundation reaches out to Catholic parishes and schools in the Diocese of Lexington to strengthen the spiritual nourishment and instruction in the faith for students before they go to college. Newman Foundation is also working to get the word out about all that the UK Newman Center has to offer, so that students coming to the Kentucky's flagship university know and are excited about a community that will embrace and support them in moving closer to Christ.

The Newman Foundation wants to do even more in strengthening students in the Catholic faith. Through generous donations of time, treasure, and talent in the current capital campaign — "Enriching Our Catholic Future" — we will be able to continue and expand that mission.

*Patrick J. Reilly, "Are Catholic Colleges Leading Students Astray?" *The Catholic World Report*, March 2003: 38-46 at p.43.

**Mark M. Gray and Melissa A. Cidade, "Catholicism on Campus: Stability and change in Catholic student faith by college type" (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, February 2010) pp.10-11.

Distinguished Speaker—Reverend John Dear, S.J.

A crowd of over 150 was in attendance to hear Father John Dear speak at the last lecture in the 2009–2010 Distinguished Speaker series. He shared the fascinating story of his faith journey that led him to the priesthood as a Jesuit and to devoting his life to the nonviolent Jesus. Fr. John offered many points for reflection and consideration to achieve a life of nonviolence and peace.

If you would like notification about upcoming speakers, please send your email to newmanfnd@kih.net.



Father John Dear takes the time to discuss some points with Jeanne Miller after the lecture

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Cottrill-Rolfes Chair in Catholic Studies News

There is a lot of activity in regards to Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky. All of this would not be possible without the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair in Catholic Studies initiated by Newman Foundation. Dr. David Hunter, the current Chair, has provided many opportunities this semester for students and those in the community to enrich their knowledge.

In February, Dr. Hunter arranged for Fr. Sidney Griffith to give a lecture at the W.T. Young Library on "The Qur'an in Christian Thought: Historical Perspectives". The event was co-sponsored by the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair and a student organization, The Interfaith Dialogue Organization.

This semester, Dr. Hunter is teaching "Western Religious Thought" at UK and has also designed a new course, "The History of Christianity", to be offered online this summer.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Hunter schedules speaking engagements locally and around the country on a variety of topics. These include:

- March 3, 2010 Vatican II, "Dei Verbum: The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation"
- March 11, 2010 "The Domestic Church and the Early Church: The Household as Context for Christianization in Antiquity," International Conference at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
- March 27, 2010 "Rethinking the Monk-Bishop in the Late Antique West," colloquium at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

The Cottrill-Rolfes Chair in Catholic Studies was made possible with donations to Newman Foundation, Inc. The Foundation is working toward expanding Catholic studies at UK by establishing a professorship position.

Newman Foundation Awards Grants to Catholic Initiatives across the Diocese

Newman Foundation Inc. awarded grants for 2009 - 2010 to the following organizations and individuals

1. Catholic Diocese of Lexington, Office of Vocations for funding of FOCUS
2. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington for updating the Pregnancy Counseling-Adoption Lending Library
3. Lexington Catholic School Choir for the commission or a new choral piece by David Childs for the Spring Concert
4. Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action (B.U.I.L.D.) for office expenses
5. St. Martha Catholic Church Religious Formation of Prestonsburg for funding of faith-based videos and DVD's.
6. Holy Spirit/Newman Center Music Ministry for the purchase of a marimba
7. Fr. Al DeGiacomo for room, board and tuition for a trip to Morelia, Mexico for education in Spanish
8. St. Paul Youth Ministry for travel and participation in the Catholic H.E.A.R.T. Workcamp mission trip in June 2010

Newman Foundation Inc. Grants Program supports Newman Center and Diocesan-wide projects that facilitate one or more of its goals of worship, fellowship, and service that are consistent with the NFI Mission Statement. Grants are eligible to Newman Center sponsored groups, especially students, Roman Catholic clubs/groups in Kentucky that are part of (or have the potential to be part of) the Newman Apostolate, and organizations affiliated with the Diocese of Lexington who are seeking funding for activities that are consistent with the mission and goals of the Newman Foundation Inc.

Typically, grants will be awarded up to \$1,000. However, if additional funds are needed for larger projects, they will be considered by the Grants Committee. Upcoming deadlines for grants are April 1 and Oct. 7, 2010. For those interested in submitting a grant, please visit www.newmanfnd.org.

Campus Ministry in Action—Florida Winter Break Mission Trip



A small, but mighty team of Newman Center students spent a week of their winter break in Florida. Two days were spent doing natural habitat restoration projects at Myakka River State Park and at Dry Florida Prairie State Park which has been identified as an endangered world habitat. Pictured at the left are (L-R) Paula, a state park naturalist, Lauren Barnett, Micheal Simms, Abby Oelker, and Travis Greenwell.

The students also spent two days working on projects for the South Sarasota Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Venice. They hung drywall at one house and painted the complete exterior of another house.

(Notice the sweatshirts—expecting warm weather, students were instead greeted by one of the coldest weeks in years for Florida!)



There was a little free time for exploring & adventure!



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(above) Fr. Walt celebrating Mass at his Golden Priestly Jubilee
(top Rt.) Fr. Walt with Mary Weber Bane and Ann Garrity
(Bottom Rt.) Fr. Walt with Anne Binford and Lynda Jankowski

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Spotlight on New Board Members

Carol Cottrill



Dr. Carol Cottrill is a tenured professor at UK where she has taught since 1973 and also maintains a full-time pediatric cardiology practice. Carol has been a Holy Spirit parishioner for 27 years. She is mother to eight grown children; she and her husband Tom have also served as foster parents to dozens more. She currently serves as President of Children of Americas, Inc. (COTA), an organization that provides free medical and surgical treatment to children in Guatemala. Last year she received the Lumen Christi Award the highest award given by the Catholic Extension Society. Central Baptist honored her with their 2008 Woman of the Year Award. Carol is a Lector and Eucharistic minister at the Holy Spirit Parish. She and her husband, Tom Rolfes, endowed the Chair in Catholic Studies at UK.

Franklin Hoopes



Franklin Hoopes came to Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky, met his wife Betty and has lived in Lexington ever since. He is a Lexington realtor and last year went through RCIA at the Newman Center and became a Catholic. He has quickly become involved in many aspects of NC parish life. In January he went on the COTA (see above) trip to Guatemala. Although he is not a professional in the medical field, he served on the support staff. He helped organize and ship supplies before the trip. While there, he provided support by moving supplies and driving medical personnel between the clinic and hotels. Franklin enjoys sports and outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing and boating.

David Mulloy



David Mulloy is a junior in civil engineering and hails from Louisville where he attended St. Xavier School. He is active at the Newman Center and led the March 2009 Biloxi spring break trip. On campus, he is a member of Triangle Fraternity and is Vice-president of Standards. He also is Fundraising Director for the Engineering Student council. He plays football, softball and water polo intramurals. David enjoys current events, landscape gardening and is an Atlanta Braves fan who roots for Greg Maddox. He says he came to UK for the basketball tickets, but stays for the education!

Roger Teague



Roger Teague received his Bachelor of Architecture from University of Kentucky in 1976. He and his wife Barbara were married by Father Elmer Moore in the summer of 1977. They have two sons, Brian and Kevin and have been members of Holy Spirit Parish since 1978. Having recently sold his construction business, Roger is looking for volunteer opportunities in the community where he can make a difference. He likes to play at golf and is an instrument rated pilot. Roger and Barbara like to fly to weekend getaways and visit their sons who live in Madison, Wisconsin and Norfolk, Virginia

If you have made a charitable bequest to Newman Foundation in your will, or if you would like information on how to do so, please contact Roger Teague at 296-2589.