

Newman Foundation Inc., at the University of Kentucky - Lexington, Kentucky

## Message from NFI President

Kristy Maggard, 2004 President

The Newman Foundation continues to work actively towards the fulfillment of its mission, as is evidenced by our schedule of events and activities for this fall:

- Distinguished Speakers Program for 2004  
~Sept. 7 — Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, *The Church in America Today: From Crisis to Community*  
~Nov. 29 — Father James Bacik, *Facing the Challenges, Seizing the Opportunities*  
~March 4 — Dr. Tatha Wiley, *Leaving the Snake Behind: Original Sin Outside the Myth*
- Student Phonathon — November 7-11
- Annual Fund Drive— November 16-17

We are very excited about what is on the worldwide web horizon for Newman Foundation. With the volunteer efforts of Pete Osborne, we are currently developing a website for the Newman Foundation. Our goal is to have the website in operation by the end of the year. You can find us at [www.newmanfnd.org](http://www.newmanfnd.org).

We welcomed our new operations manager, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, this past spring. Ronda, originally from Texas and most recently from San Francisco, CA, has prior experience in managing an office in support of an all-volunteer organization. She and her husband, Rodney, are glad to be back in the state where they met and married. Their two children, Micah and Anna, are enjoying the changing seasons in Bluegrass country.

We look forward to seeing you at a speakers engagement.

And, remember, a student or a board member will be calling soon for your support!

## Grants Impact Diocese

Tony English, Co-Chair

During the Newman Foundation's 2003-2004 fiscal year, the Grants Committee reviewed 13 grant applications and funded eleven of the grants, either partially or in full. Much of the grants awarded support UK and ECU Newman Center student organizations. During the Christmas break, both organizations received a total of \$2,500 to send students for leadership training at the National Catholic Coalition Conference.

In October 2003, \$1,140 in grants awarded supported two programs for young adults. The very successful Theology on Tap program received \$400 and the "Unite to Ignite" young adult conference this past spring received \$640. The

Catholic Action Center received a grant of \$500 to fund the honorarium for the performer of the Dorothy Day one person play in the fall of 2003.

In February, five grants totaling \$5,150 helped defray the expenses of UK and ECU Newman Center students taking spring break service trips. This money helped fund student activities in nearby Appalachia and as far away as California and Jamaica.

The Newman Foundation Inc. Grants Committee is proud to be able to fund such worthwhile projects. These activities directly impact our diocese by providing service and spiritual growth

experiences for a variety of people. Students and young adults received the most benefit from the grant funding available in 2003-2004.

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## Grants Committee Sets New Deadlines

In order to insure adequate time for review of all grant applications, the Grants Committee has changed the deadline for applications to be received to the first Thursday of October, February and April. The deadlines for 2004-2005 are as follows:

- **Thursday, October 7, 2004**
- **Thursday, February 3, 2005**
- **Thursday, April 7, 2005**

# Distinguished Speakers Report

Anne Binford, Distinguished Speakers Program Chair

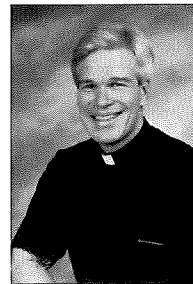
The Distinguished Speaker series is happy to announce three excellent speakers for 2004-2005: Sr. Christine Vladimiroff, Fr. James Bacik, and Tatha Wiley, Ph.D.

Christine Vladimiroff, prioress of Mt. St. Benedict, Erie, PA, spoke September 24 at the Newman Center on the Benedictine system of governance by consensus as model for the church. A gifted leader, Sr. Christine served seven years as President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank Network in Chicago and had a decade of service in education in Cleveland, OH, which also included eight years as Secretary for Education. Sr. Christine was elected chair of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region IV, last year.

Fr. Bacik, especially known for writing the 1985 pastoral on campus ministry, "Empowered by the Spirit," will present the 8th Fr. Moore Lecture, "Facing the Challenges, Seizing the Opportunities," at the Newman Center on Monday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. Fr. Bacik developed a faculty post in Catholic culture and history at the University of Toledo, OH. He holds a doctorate in theology from the

University of Oxford and serves as pastor and campus minister of the University Parish for the University of Toledo. In 1995, he received the Archbishop J. Hallinan Award for Campus Ministry.

Tatha Wiley, Ph.D., is a systematic theologian who teaches at United Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, MN. She will speak at the Newman Center on March 4, 2005, on "Leaving the Snake Behind: Original Sin Outside the Myth" and present an accompanying workshop March 5, 9:00 a.m. In her 2002 book, *Original Sin: Its Origins, Developments and Contemporary Meanings*, she addresses an important question: "What does the doctrine of Original Sin have to say to us today?" This is a timely subject as we face an onslaught of evil in our lives, in our nation, and in our church. As Lisa Sowle Cahill, theologian, says: "She [Tatha Wiley] gives readers not only the radicality of evil, but the hope of redemption that appears in the very naming of sin as sin." Dr. Wiley is a graduate of Boston College with a Ph.D., 1994, in Systematic Theology and Ethics.



## Message: Tom Farrell

Fr. Tom Farrell, Newman Center Pastor

A Christmas Eve size crowd. That's what we've had at the 5 PM Mass for the first three Sundays of the fall semester. Students of the university, students of life, young and old alike, they come. They fill the Main Hall and rooms that surround it, all the overflow space. They fill the place to capacity. Together we worship. We probe the Word for its promises and its challenge. We celebrate the Eucharist. We open ourselves to the grace of God, Communion with Christ, and union with the members of his body. We nourish, express and strengthen our faith.

That's just one hour in what usually turns out to be a long, activity-packed day at Newman Center, but it's an hour that defines the place, inspires my gratitude, and renews my commitment to the ministry of the priesthood. God is good, I affirm in silence, as I face the people of the assembly and prepare to bless them at the end of the Mass. The blessing I offer within is longer than the spoken text: May these who bring the building to life, and who make of it a sacred place, and who encourage those of us in ministry by their presence and participation, find their strength renewed, their faith confirmed, their love replenished, and in the joy and peace the Spirit can give, go forth now, "to love and serve the Lord."

## Spotlight: New Board Members

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**Lesley Osborne** has lived in Lexington for about 8 years and has attended the Newman Center for most of that time. She has served as a music minister since joining and feels privileged to be a Eucharistic minister. An attorney by education, she is currently working for ACS, a computer software company in Lexington. She and her husband, Pete, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Peter, in August.

**Caroline Francis** is a native of Lexington and a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She works part-time at the UK Career Center with alumni in career transition. She and her husband, Arthur, have a two-year-old daughter, Shea, and are expecting another child in October. A Eucharistic minister and a member of the Bereavement Committee, she also enjoys attending Sr. Ellen's Spiritual Reading Group.

**Tom Gandolfo** and his wife,

**Charlotte**, have resided in Lexington for 36 years. They have three daughters and two granddaughters. Half-owner of two Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge dealerships in Maysville and Flemingsburgh, Tom has been a member of the Newman Center for 15 years. He presently serves on the Urban County Airport Board, the Advisory Board of Central Bank, and the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Commission.

**Mary Molinaro** is director of the William T. Young Library at the University of Kentucky. Active in international librarianship, she has worked with libraries in Ecuador, Vietnam, and Tunisia. She is president of the Kentucky Ecuador Partners and serves on the board of the International Book Project. Mary and her husband, Joe, have one married daughter, Gemma Parenti, and two grandchildren.

**Steve Skinner** is a professor in the Gatton College of

Business at the University of Kentucky. He and his wife, Moira, have been members of the Newman Center since the early 1980s, when they moved to Lexington from central Illinois. Both of their children, Aaron and Carrie, were baptized at the Newman Center and attended CCD classes here. Steve serves on the Newman Center financial committee.

**Tim Wills** attended the Newman Center while a student at the University of Kentucky in the late 1960s when Fr. Elmer Moore was the pastor. A graduate of UK College of Law, he is now the senior member of Vimont & Wills PLLC. Since 1985, Tim has served as CCD teacher, lector, and Eucharistic minister at the Newman Center. He previously served on the NFI Board, 1986-1991, and is a past-president of the Board. Tim and his wife, Becky, have three children: Will, Katie, and Lucy.

# Spring Break Reflections

*In March, four groups of Newman Center students participated in spring break service-learning trips in El Paso, TX; Miami, FL; San Francisco, CA; and Jamaica.*

I participated in the spring break trip to San Francisco with 8 other students, Kevin Steele, and Sr. Ellen. It was a trip that engaged every part of myself. The trip was filled with adventure, freshness, spirit, meaningful work, and relaxation. It was also filled with great, caring, and open people. It was the well-balanced and well-rounded group that traveled to this exciting city together that made it such a memorable experience. Our service there was unlike anything I have ever been involved with before. We immersed into San Francisco's Tenderloin (monetarily less fortunate) area, as we shared meals with the homeless, disabled, drug and alcohol addicted, and veterans. We talked, laughed, learned, and cherished the humanity within the ones we served and dined with, and the humanity within ourselves. Through the regulars at Glide Memorial Church and the St. Anthony Foundation, whom constantly advocate for those who are often overlooked, I caught a glimpse of the person I want to be in the future. I learned that my involvement with such organizations now and in the future adds much to my spirit and being that I must continually be involved on a variety of levels. Our short excursions to nearby Muir Woods, Muir Beach, and Yosemite, enabled us to reflect individually and as a group on events and people in the Tenderloin. For me, it was these moments in nature that connected the whole experience. Being humbled by the huge Sequoia trees or dipping my feet into the chilly Pacific Ocean for the first time filled me with hope and refreshed the connection with something greater than each of us on the earth. The San Francisco trip encouraged a growth in my faith and spirituality, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity.

*Meagan*

Over this past spring break, I went with a group of fellow Newman Center students and a parishioner to Miami, FL, to build Habitat for Humanity houses. We worked in the impoverished Overtown on nine houses, preparing for a blitz build the next month. We were able to meet the future homeowners, because they worked with us on the homes. Getting to work with and talk to Terica and Juan (two of the future homeowners) was an experience that touched me. I listened in awe as they told me about how hard they worked to support their families, and watched as they worked hard on their new homes. They were trying their hardest to turn their lives around, to rise above the drugs and alcohol that ran rampant in their neighborhood. It wasn't until after the trip that I realized what an impact our spring break crew had on the lives of these people. The work we did on their homes, the lumber we cut and stacked, the roof trusses we carried for blocks, even the ditches we dug were improving the lives of these people. We had helped to build their house, the biggest player in really getting their lives to take off in the right direction. Our work gave me a huge sense of self worth, and made me very appreciative of what I have had my whole life. It really made me stop and think about my blessings of a good home, a good background, and my parents who have helped me always put my best foot forward. The experience has drawn me closer to God in that it has shown me that he has big plans for me, and that a great way to do good is to aid in bettering others. This past spring break service trip was a blast, and I cannot wait until the next!

*Collin Linebach*



*Habitat for Humanity, Miami, Florida, Spring Break 2004.*

As a first year graduate student in Hispanic Studies, it seems quite obvious that I would want to go to El Paso and Ciudad Juarez. The way I went about my trip there, which may not be the most traditional, is as important as the destination. As I am training as a scholar, I am searching for the best way to integrate my spiritual life, my commitment to social justice and my personal and professional interests. The Newman Center provided an opportunity in this specific trip for academic enrichment and spiritual renewal and fulfillment. The solidarity I felt with those I met and worked with has materialized into strong friendships which I expect will be long-lasting. The situations I experienced helped me grow more fully into the socially conscious person I am called to be. I thank the Newman Foundation for its generous support of this important program. Thank you for all you do.

*Stephen M. Buttes*

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## It's the Student Phonathon

*Kristy Maggard*

Don't be surprised if your college student finally decides to phone home in the near future. November 7th—11th, UK Catholic students will be manning the phones and calling home as part of the UK Newman Center's annual phonathon, the only fundraising effort held by students for students. The money pledged by parents and family goes directly to the student fund. This fund provides money for various student activities through the year such as spring break service trips, community service outreach programs, participation in national and state Catholic student conferences, and Pizza Theology. Please help the students meet their goal of \$10,400 by pledging this year.

## New Student Directors, 2004-2005

Meagan Beyerle, sophomore. Louisville, KY.

Ryan Blandford, junior. Louisville, KY.

Stephanie Craig, sophomore. Murray, KY.

Rachel Hatfield, sophomore. Henderson, KY.

Brent Hayden, sophomore. Owensboro, KY.

Collin Linebach, sophomore. Louisville, KY.

Colleen Santo, sophomore. Louisville, KY.

Cristin Schroering, sophomore. Louisville, KY.

Nathan Wagner, sophomore. Independence, KY.

## NFI Mission Statement

*Newman Foundation, Inc. is an independent and non-profit corporation that seeks to deepen and integrate personal, spiritual, and intellectual development at the Newman Center, the University of Kentucky, and the Catholic Diocese of Lexington by providing financial resources, physical facilities and initiated programs.*

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