

Message from NFI President

Rose Lucas, 2002 President

Among the joys of service to Newman Foundation, Inc. (NFI) is the opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of our organization. The board of directors of NFI has a renewed commitment to increase the effectiveness of our outreach programs, including fundraising and the granting of funds for appropriate causes.

To that end, our board is increasing the roles and responsibilities of each committee of the board and is using board meetings to receive reports and set appropriate policy. By streamlining our operations we hope to put more emphasis on

our primary goal of seeking 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.

Each person who has supported, or will support in the future, the goals of NFI is important. We must increase our ability to raise the necessary funds to continue our mission. Over the past few years, our funding has dropped dramatically, and the current board has the responsibility of setting the path to reestablish

the strong position we had formerly obtained. Included in this issue of the newsletter is a commitment form for supporters to complete. Please take the time to measure your support of the NFI mission.

Carol Cottrill, 859-224-3986, is chairing the Major Donors effort. John Dauer, 859-296-2666, and I are responsible for the Annual Fund. I can be reached by e-mail, rose@csplan.com, or by telephone, 859-254-1256. Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. May God's peace be with you as you consider your commitment to the NFI cause.

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Spotlight Board Members

Name: Tony English

Family (spouse & children):
Lynn, Andrew (age 20) Adam (Age 18)

Occupation: Associate Professor, UK, Physical Therapy

Church You Attend:
Newman Center

Time on Newman Foundation, Inc. Board: 3 Months

Special Committee: Grants

Hobbies: Running, sports, hiking

Favorite Movie: Big Jake (Old Western), We Were soldiers once (current)

Favorite Book: The Pelican Brief

Dream Vacation: Cruise or Beach trip

Interesting Fact About Yourself That Most People Don't Know:
I enjoy musical theatre and would someday like to be in a play.

Name: Marcus T. McEllistrem

Family (spouse & children):
Eleanor McEllistrem is my wife. Six children, in order of age, are: Mary Ann, Marcus III, Becky, Joan, Cathy, and Deborah

Occupation:
Professor of physics (emeritus)

Church You Attend:
Holy Spirit and Christ the King Cathedral (actively involved in two churches)

Time on Newman Foundation, Inc. Board: 1977 – 1983, and circa 1985- 1991, and 1999 – present

Special Committee:
Distinguished Speakers, Major Donors

Hobbies:
Bicycling, swimming, walking

Favorite Movie: First Star War movie

Favorite Book: The Wounded Healer, by Henri Nouwen

Dream Vacation: Months with books and boats at the side of a lake in gentle, sunny weather.

Interesting Fact About Yourself That Most People Don't Know:
I served in the South Pacific during the second world war, and developed an interest in the physical sciences there.

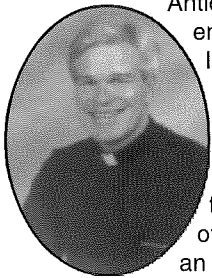


2002 New Board Members

Left to right: James Appel, Tony English, Don Madden, Tim Smith, Joe Wilson and Joe Zaluski; seated: Anne Binford.

A Message from Fr. Tom Farrell

Fr. Tom Farrell, Newman Center Pastor



Anticipation adds to the enjoyment of any event. It's true of Christmas, it's true of the baptisms on the night of the Easter Vigil, and it was certainly true of the service trips that 23 of our students took as an alternative to the usual spring break.

One way we anticipated those trips was by raising funds to finance them; and the best fundraiser of all turned out to be the dinner we held on the evening of Sunday, March 3rd.

It all started when I remembered, in February, that the owner of a well-known Italian restaurant in Lexington, Joe Bologna, had once told me that he would be glad to do a benefit dinner for Newman Center if we needed to raise funds for a worthy cause. I contacted Joe a few days before Ash Wednesday, told him about the need to raise funds for the service trips, asked him about the possibility of doing a dinner on March 3rd, and within minutes the event was arranged.

In the weeks that intervened, we advertised and the response was overwhelming. The 5 PM Liturgy on March 3rd was packed; it reminded me of the crowd we get on the day of the parish picnic.

As Mass was going on, Joe Bologna arrived with a portable kitchen on wheels, with much of the dinner already prepared, and the setup began in the lobby and in the hallway leading to the kitchen. A buffet of lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, salad, pizza, and bread sticks was ready and waiting for the crowd as I announced, "The Mass is ended. We can go in peace." Well, hardly anybody left! The lobby was soon mobbed with people who had come to Mass and to stay for the evening to support the students in their attempt to raise funds for spring break. What turned out to be one the peak moments of the winter months began.

A great meal, a wonderful celebration, and an event that brought young and old together, that's what the Italian Night Dinner turned out to be. Students planning to go on the service trips were the "gofers," and assisted Joe Bologna in

all that needed to be done behind the scenes, and in the cleanup afterward. People who were new to the community were introduced to people who have been with us for years, and sat down and shared the same table. A hoard of students came out on that cold winter's night to enjoy a sumptuous meal and to support their fellow students in a good cause. Parents brought their children and the children played in the lobby as their elders enjoyed the meal together, a glass of red wine, and the pleasure of each other's company.

All in all it was a night to remember, an evening of warmth and hospitality and good cheer on the inside of the church, while outside, we had what we hoped was the final snowfall of the season. Almost everybody parted that night with the same remark, that, "We have to do this again next year." A sure sign that a parish event has been a success, and one that confirmed my own sense that in the breaking of the bread, both in the Mass that evening, and in the meal that followed, the grace of God had truly been at work in a new and wonderful way!

Distinguished Speaker Report

Anne Binford, Distinguished Speaker Chair

Lisa Wagner presented a magnificent one-woman play "Haunted By God: The Life of Dorothy Day" on February 1, to a packed hall at the Newman Center. We were delighted to see so many students, many of whom were combining an evening of theater in an in-service experience with the homeless in Lexington, in particular, at the Catholic Action Center.

On March 1, Lawrence Cunningham PhD, a theologian from Notre Dame spoke on "The Catholic Church in the New Millenium" to an audience of approximately 125. Professor Cunningham defined the Catholicity of the church as remembering Eucharistic and above all hospitable to new times and new people.

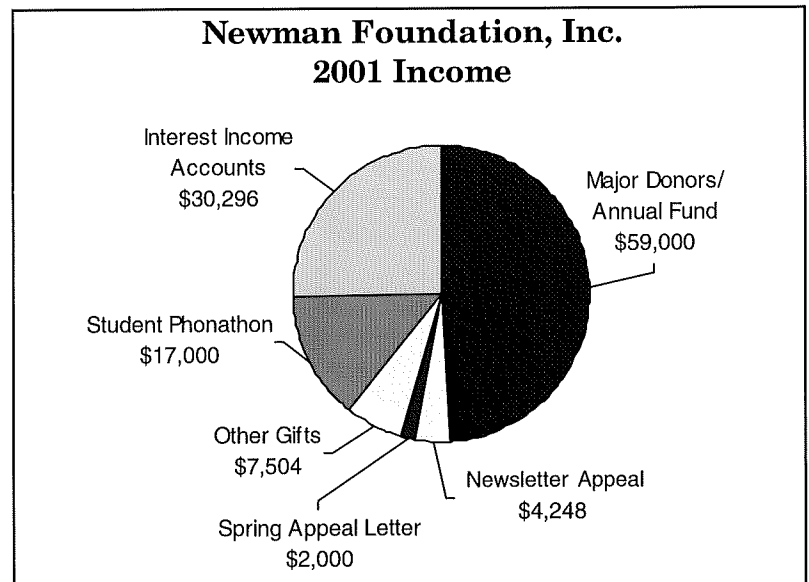
Christina M. Pulchalski M.D. will be here at the Newman Center on September 23, 2002. She is described as an "extraordinary mixture of medicine, spirituality and Catholicism. Her focus will be on the role of spirituality in health care and the end of life. The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is a co-sponsor with Newman Foundation Inc., for Dr. Pulchalski's visit to Lexington.

Negotiations with prospective speakers are ongoing for the rest of 2002-2003. Look for the brochure coming out July/August for our next exciting year.

Grants Report

Tony English, Grant Committee Chair

The NFI Grants committee approved two grants in the month of March. One is for a young adult spiritual growth group from Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary and the other for support for Health Ministries at the Newman Center. Everyone should be aware that the next deadline is April 15 so the Grants Committee can act on the applications prior to the next NFI Board meeting on April 18.



Fall Semester Student Report

Abby Clark, Student Ministry Intern

The spring semester has rapidly come to a close and has been full of activity.

Every year hundreds of Catholic college students gather together to share faith and fun. This annual event is the National Catholic Student Coalition Conference, where students and campus ministers come to meet other Catholic students who are involved in campus ministry. The three-day-long conference includes workshops, lectures, worship time, and social activities.

This year's conference was held in the "Twin Cities" of St. Paul/Minneapolis and themed "Dare to Believe". The University of Kentucky was proud to send four representatives including Patrick Haynes, Kathryn Huffman, Andrew Sauerbeck, and myself to the national conference. We participated in workshops to learn more about the different issues faced in today's campus ministry and to meet other people from around the country who are actively involved in their campuses. Discussing events and activities with other students and campus ministers gave us many ideas to help our ministry at the University.

The second big activity of the semester was Spring Break. Around thirty students joined the alternative Spring Break mission trips to New Mexico, Appalachia, and Jamaica. After much fundraising and with the support of the Newman Foundation we were able to offer the trips at a reduced price so that the trips were an option for all students. I was lucky enough to go to Jamaica and experience the culture of another country. After a three-hour van ride I and the four other members of our group arrived at St. Vincent Strombi High School in Bull Savannah, Jamaica. During our one-week stay we were able to visit a nearby orphanage, help students in the high school write pen pal letters to American students, and most importantly, reorganize the school library. We all came away with something different, but I think one thing we all agreed on was that we were very lucky. We all began to gain a greater appreciation for our education, fresh water, food, and our families. We went there to be of service to the people we met, but in the end I believe we came away with more than we gave.



Your support of the annual student phoneathon aids in many student activities including spring break service trips.

Spring Break Service Trip Reflection

Susan D'Souza, Graduate Student

"I decided to go on this trip to get away from the daily grind. I had heard so much about the spirituality of the Native American community, but nothing prepared me for what I experienced. I felt thankfulness – to God, for giving us this land which is so blessed, and anger – when I heard the history of the Native American and peace – as I realized that in spite of earthly troubles and strife, life must go on. It was truly amazing to witness the resilience of a people, so simple and yet, so strong in their faith and beliefs. With all the trappings and comforts of life, I have never been able to offer myself completely to do God's bidding. The reflections we had at the end of each day certainly made me aware of how I had grown in Christ, just by meeting new people, forming new bonds and connecting with God's most marvelous creation – earth. I have come to realize that each of us is created unique, for a predestined purpose, and we must strive to achieve that in our life. Life will be a roller-coaster ride, but the good Lord will be our seatbelt and cushion us through it all. I also have reaffirmed my focus to study hard as a student and use my education to serve God's people. I am grateful to the Newman Center and all our sponsors for making this possible – God bless them all!"

Paul Oberst

Paul Oberst, professor emeritus of law at the University of Kentucky, died Wednesday, February 27, 2002. A civil rights leader, Paul was instrumental in preventing violence during protests in Lexington in the 1960's. Subsequently, he was involved in the formation of Kentucky's Human Rights Commission, an organization which he served as a board member for many years.

Paul led the fund drives and initiatives for the purchase of land and the construction of the Newman Center. He served as president of the Newman Center from 1969 to 1972.

We at the Newman Center, and particularly at the Newman Foundation, are the beneficiaries of Paul's leadership. He was an active resource and a pillar of strength for all who knew him. An example for many from the late 1940's until illness limited his ability to continue his ministry, Paul showed extraordinary commitment to people-oriented issues and the spiritual life so identified with the Newman Center.

Paul's funeral on March 4, 2002 was a joyful celebration of his unselfish life. His love for and dedication to the Newman Center continues through his wife, Elizabeth, and his family.

Please clip and mail to Newman Foundation, Inc., 320 Rose Lane, Lexington, Kentucky 40508-3398

We can continue our success only with your dedicated support. Please assist us in sustaining our mission of providing the ministry and programs described in this newsletter by indicating your interest in additional information and/or through your financial support.

Yes, I wish to support the ministry of NFI with my enclosed tax-deductible donation in the amount of

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Contact me about NFI major donor program.

I am alumni of UK Newman Center.

Last Name First Name

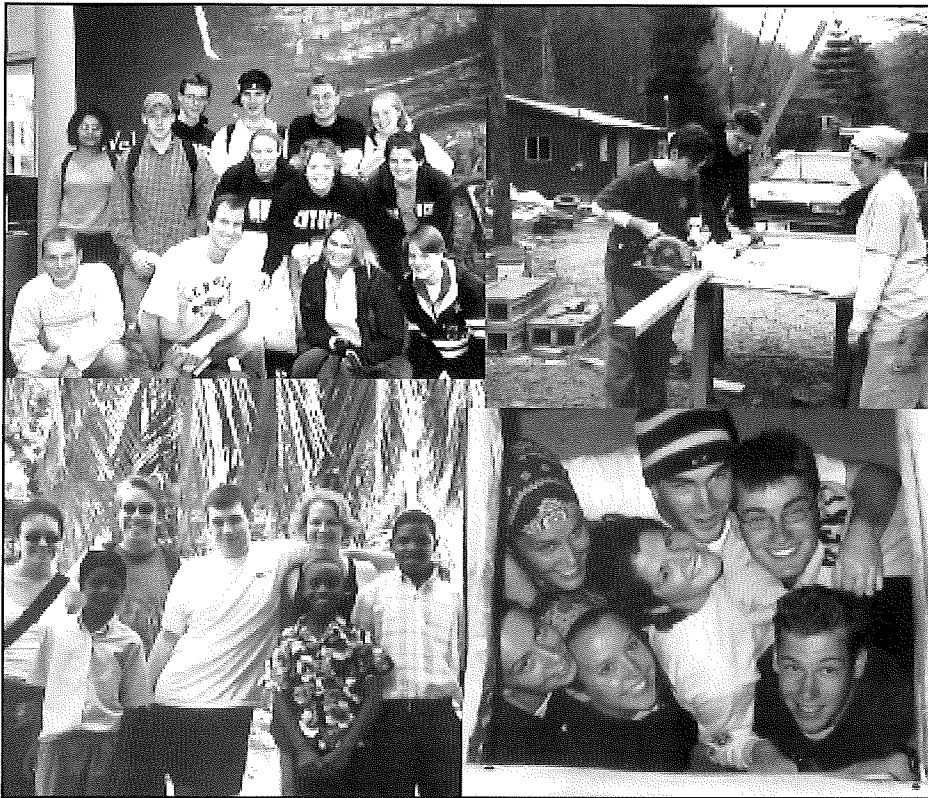
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2002 Spring Break Service Trip Pictures

NFI Board of Trustees 2002



Clockwise from top left: Mission trip to New Mexico; Building Habitat house in Appalachia; Touring a Kiva, an underground ceremonial room in New Mexico; Students serving at St. Vincent Strombi in Jamaica

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| Anne Binford | Marcus McEllistrem |
| Michael Bratcher | Samye Miller |
| Abby Clark | Julie Natta |
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