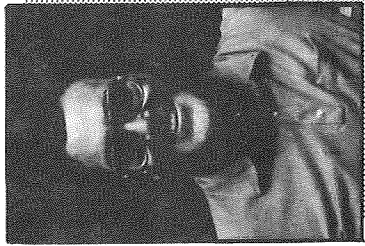


From the Pastor's Desk



Father Dan Nail

I really think that my column for this edition of the NewsNotes should be called "Notes from a Novice." I am in the midst of my first experience of a major building project. I believe that the major building that has been going on has been within me.

Everyone warned me that our Newman: *Alive and Growing* project would be a giant headache. Friends said that I would curse fund-raising and would be driven crazy by architects and Building Committees. I envisioned myself becoming responsible for washing the Newman Center in red ink. Exile by episcopal fiat seemed an inevitable conclusion of the whole project.

And then there was you.

You - talented, experienced, faith-filled people who love this Newman Center and who are still giving of yourselves in this Newman: *Alive and Growing* campaign. You - encouraging me to risk, to trust the Spirit, to dare to believe that I could lead. You - who planned and begged and met and met and met. You - who gently, firmly let me know that this project, succeed or fail, was *our* project.

This building project is turning out to be one of the best growth experiences of my life!

Drawing on your advice, I dared to set a goal of raising \$800,000 in pledges in eight weeks. The pledge total as I write is over \$1,088,000! I knew I needed to be very personally involved in asking you for money. I dreaded the prospect. I did it. I loved it. Both the many

positive responses and the few rejections helped me grow in self-image and self-confidence. I'm not only building a building, but, with your support, I'm being built up at the same time.

As huge an undertaking as the fund-raising is, it pales in comparison to the planning and execution of the addition to and refurbishing of the building. The planning was started over two years ago. It finally seemed that we were set to break ground in May of this year. However, in the midst of my enthusiasm to begin, some corners were going to be cut that really shouldn't be cut, and so I decided to postpone things. It looks like we'll be breaking ground in late August now. Construction beginning at that time, of course, will maximize the potential for chaos in our programs, most of which are centered around the academic year. The current timing of the construction is just what I wanted to avoid. Thank God we're known as the "Home of Organized Chaos"!

Even the disappointment of the postponement of construction has built me up. The even tempers of my advisors and the patience of the community here have taught me that I can indeed "roll with the punches" even on a project this big. I do not have to be in total control nor do I need to pretend that I am. I have learned to proceed in peace, changing what I can, accepting what I can't change, and knowing that I'm loved.

Even before a spadeful of dirt has been turned over on this wonderful new project, major building and renovation has already happened - in me!

Fr. Dan

"ALIVE AND GROWING" ALIVE AND WELL

Newman Center's first capital fund drive in nearly twenty years is ending, with "more success than we dreamed possible," according to Tim Wills, campaign chairman.

To date, "Newman: Alive and Growing" has raised almost \$1.1 million in pledges. With an announced goal of \$800,000, the campaign is over the top by nearly \$300,000.

Wills, who is also president of the Newman Center, Inc. Board, cited the hard work of everyone involved. "From start to finish we had the support and involvement of a talented, dedicated group of individuals," he said.

Three chairpersons headed up the various campaign divisions: Roger Wolf, major gifts/phase I; Jan Mullaney, major gifts/phase II; and Barb Pfeifle, parish solicitations. Approximately 75 volunteers made calls and solicited pledges.

"Over and over we heard praise for the work of the Newman Center," said Wills. "We really were overwhelmed by the generosity and gratitude we found."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Contributors to the "Alive and Growing" campaign won't have to wait long to see evidence of their gift.

A late summer/early fall groundbreaking is planned, and a multitude of projects will receive attention. The major ones are:

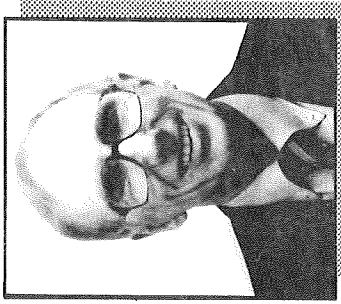
- Redesign of the Main Hall
- Enlargement and refurbishing of the Lobby/Vestibule
- Addition of a new music room and conference room wing
- Enlargement of the kitchen and bathrooms and refurbishing of the connecting hallway
- Recovering of the building's exterior plywood.



1990 - 1991 Distinguished Speakers Announced

Three guest lecturers and a mini-series make up the Newman Center's Distinguished Speakers program for 1990 - 1991. Those scheduled are:

■ **Robert Bellah**, sociologist. Widely regarded for his best-selling publication "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life," Dr. Bellah is currently Elliott Professor of Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. His most recent book is "Uncivil Religion: Interreligious Hostility in America."

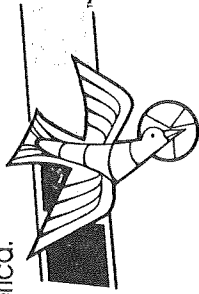


Robert Bellah

He will appear at the Newman Center on October 8. His topic is "The Church and the Recovery of Community in America."



Sr. Sandra Schneiders



■ **Sr. Sandra Schneiders**, theologian.

Sr. Sandra has been professor of New Testament Studies and Spirituality at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, since 1976. A prodigious writer and lecturer, she has a special interest in the New Testament, Christian mystical tradition, and women in the Church.

Her topic for the November 9 program will be "The Church and Feminism."

Community Matching Grants Awarded

Newman Center, Inc., continued its program of matching grants to social service agencies with the awarding of seven grants this spring.

The grants are intended to assist agencies in their educational efforts, whether for clients, staff, or other constituencies. The agencies are asked to match the grants either from their own budgets or outside sources.

Those receiving grants and their purposes were:

Chrysalis House, for a videotape on addictive relationships; **Lexington Hearing and Speech Center**, for computer software to help in teaching the impaired; **Horizon Center**, for printing a resource manual for Lexington's homeless; **Growing Together Preschool**, for a VHS camcorder to be used in training staff; the **Lexington Child Abuse Council** for printing informational brochures; **Florence Crittenton Home**, for three educational videotapes; and **LCC Black Student Union**, for a summer off-campus class.

■ **Joe Holland**, author and lecturer. Mr. Holland is president of the Warwick Institute in South Orange, New Jersey, and the founder of the National Labor and Religion Conference and the American Catholic Lay Network. His work considers the death of Western culture and the birth of a post-modern global culture.



Joe Holland

Mr. Holland's topic for his Newman Center lecture on March 5, 1991, will be "The Spirituality of Regeneration: Renewing Life Amidst Ecological, Social, and Spiritual Disintegration."

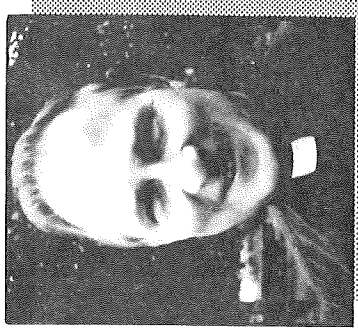
In February, the Distinguished Speakers program will host its first mini-series. Focusing on the theme of "Relationships," the panel discussion will feature local professionals involved in human relations counseling.

All Distinguished Speakers programs are free and open to the public. For further information or to receive a brochure, please call the Newman Center business office at 255-8566.

Newman Center Medjugorje Pilgrimage

During the week of May 11-19, Fr. Walt Bado and a group of fifteen traveled to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, site of reported appearances of Mary to a group of youth.

Said Fr. Bado: "I came away feeling that Medjugorje is truly a holy place where God is touching the hearts of many people. I think we need to heed the urgent Medjugorje call for ongoing conversion, and to pray and work for peace."



Fr. Walt Bado

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