



# THE NEWMAN FOUNDATION INC. NEWSLETTER

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*Newman students gathered at Camp Andrew Jackson for an October retreat with the theme "Peace by Piece."*

## Father Noll Honored For NC Achievements

**F**ather Dan Noll, pastor of the UK Newman Center, and ex officio member of Newman Foundation, Inc. board of trustees, was recognized Nov. 14 at a National Philanthropy Day luncheon for his outstanding efforts for NFI.

His nomination as an honoree salutes Father Noll "for his spirituality, wisdom and sharing of his many talents on behalf of Newman Foundation, Inc., the Newman Center and the community."

Of particular importance to NFI is Father Noll's rapport with students and his ability to influence parents to support NFI and its student programs. He is also effective in encouraging major donors to NFI and helping to raise more than a million dollars for Newman Center renovations.

Father Noll, a native of Villa Hills, Ky., came to the Newman Center in 1982 and became pastor in 1986. He is credited with being a driving force in an explosion of student interest in Catholic theology and the many Newman Center programs.

The luncheon, sponsored by The National Society of Fund Raising Executives, was held at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort and was attended by several NFI board members and Newman Center staff.

## Newman Students Have Successful, "Cleansing" Retreat

*by Don Fulford, Student Ministry Intern and NFI Board Member*

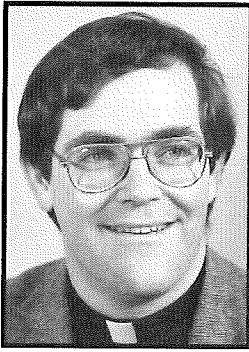
**I**n the quiet hills just southwest of Berea lies Camp Andrew Jackson. Nestled on a small lake just down a dirt country road, it is the perfect place for serenity, peace and fellowship. This year's fall retreat reflected this image and gathered close to 80 students for a weekend away from their hectic lives.

The theme was "Peace by Piece" ... putting it all together, and the hard work of all those who organized it really brought participants a little closer to themselves, each other, and the world around them. Topics included heart-felt thoughts and ideas on: The environment and mother nature; diet, health and positive thinking; how to demolish the walls we have built around us; and, putting the pieces together and finding a harmonious balance in life. After each discussion the students broke off into small groups to explore each other's inner thoughts on the topic. This powerful gathering made it easier for each of them to understand problems that face many students in today's college life.

But the retreat was not all deep thoughts. It was reviving. There were hikes that twisted through lush forest to a **Turn to Students Retreat, Page 3.**



*Father Dan Noll, right, pastor of the Newman Center, was honored for his philanthropic achievements. Among the NFI board members attending the National Philanthropy Day luncheon were, from left, officers Mike Besten, Barbara Wills and Bill Green.*



Fr. Dan Noll

## From the Pastor's Desk

**A**s Christmas approaches, we are invited to think more deeply about what it means that God became human, that the Word became flesh.

The Word became flesh. The Word continues to become flesh in human history and in us. In our flesh. Our body experiences, then, can express God's hunger, God's language, God's interrelatedness with all else, and God's pleasure in creation. The sexual expression of our bodies, when ordered and disciplined, has deep power that enables us to experience the sacred. God and the human body are joined.

We are so used to viewing our bodies as inadequate, ugly, lacking, the source of sin. Christmas tells us that our bodies are an experience of God, God's most expressive dwelling place. Our bodies are God's chief way of revelling in a sunrise on a clear December morning. Our bodies are God's best way of getting across to us the message to ourselves and others that we are desirable, loved forever, one with God and others. In ministering to university students, we try to help them integrate this Good News into their struggles over body issues. All bodies are enabled to be beautiful God places in Jesus! In Christ we have the faith, the power, and the example to continue to have the Word become flesh.

*The Newman Center  
and  
Newman Foundation, Inc.  
wish all of you  
a most blessed and joyous  
Christmas season*

## Grant Deadlines

One of the features of Newman Foundation, Inc. is the financial grants available for Newman Centers and Diocesan-wide projects with goals of worship, fellowship, and/or service. Deadlines for grant applications are December 31, 1995, and February 15 and April 15, 1996. For information call (606) 255-0880.

# MEET . . . . The New NFI Board Members

by Jan Mullaney, Nominating Committee Chairperson

**A**t the September board meeting of Newman Foundation, Inc., five nominees were elected to serve three-year terms beginning in January. One unexpired term was filled, and four University of Kentucky students were appointed to serve a one-year term.

### *New Board Members*

**Jean Miller** originally from Rochester, New York has lived in Lexington since 1981 with her husband, Tom and their two children. Jean is the Associate Director for Special Education for Fayette County Schools and serves on the executive committee and is past president of the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Judy McLaughlin** was born in Antrim, Northern Ireland. Ray and Judy came to Lexington in 1958, have raised seven children and are members of Christ the King parish. Judy is a professor of radiography at Lexington Community College where she has served in many capacities.

**Jeff Pearson** is from Kankakee, Illinois and he and Mary are the parents of two children. Jeff is a graduate of the UK College of Architecture and has been in Lexington since 1971. He is an architect with Pearson, Bender and Jolly.

**Mary Witt** is an Extension Horticulture Professor at UK. Mary and Bill are the parents of two children. Mary is from Teutopolis, Illinois.

**Sue Ginocchio**, born in Baltimore and raised in Cincinnati, is a senior graphics designer for the UK Extension. Sue and Marty live in the Matthew Kennedy Bluegrass Trust home on North Limestone Street, and are the parents of four grown children.

**Clint Willett**, originally from Paducah, is a former Newman Center student ministry intern and has served on the board as a student appointee. Clint is completing a Marketing degree at UK and is filling the unexpired term of Julianne Strothmann who moved to Indiana.

### *Student Appointees*

**Al Carrillo** hails from Denver, Colorado and is the eldest of seven children. Al is a graduate of Notre Dame University and is a Ph.D. candidate in the Chemistry Department at UK.

**Susan Ruth** calls Louisville, Kentucky home and is a Junior majoring in electrical engineering.

**Don Fulford** is currently the Newman Center student ministry intern. Don holds a degree in Health and Wellness, with a minor in Business Administration and is pursuing teaching certification. Don calls Philadelphia home.

**Carrie Germann** is from Edgewood, Kentucky and is in the fourth year of a six-year physical therapy program at UK.

Four current board members have agreed to serve a second three-year term: Terry Brown, Bill Buehner, Bill Green and Barbara Wills.

# Speakers Discuss Problems of Violence, Media

by Joan Stoeckinger and Jan Mullaney, NFI Board Members

The Newman Foundation's Distinguished Speakers Series has already heard two of the 1995-96 guests: Detroit's assistant Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Sept. 29 & 30, and Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, Nov. 10 & 11. Bishop Gumbleton's talk was "Fanning the Flame of Non-violence." Ms. Steinfels, editor of *Commonweal*, spoke on "Religion and the Mass Media." Below are reviews of their talks.

Detroit's assistant bishop, Thomas Gumbleton, who travels the world pushing peace, told a Newman Center audience that violence in this country "has become as American as apple pie."

Gumbleton added, "We are killing ourselves spiritually," but that "spiritual awakening could create another choice."

"Jesus rejected violence, taught us how to die, not how to kill," Bishop Gumbleton reminded. Dr. Martin Luther King's peaceful approach was also cited, as Gumbleton admonished, "Vengeance and hatred should not come to God's altar; we should love to the extreme."

At a workshop Bishop Gumbleton encouraged reading and re-publicizing Pope John Paul XXIII's 1963 encyclical, *Pacem In Terris*. He also urged renewed concentration on the days preceding Jesus' crucifixion, reading John's gospel, chapters 13 to 27.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels' presentation reflected three perspectives: as an insider, editor of *Commonweal* maga-



*Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, left, discusses the effects of violence with workshop participants the morning after his talk opening the 1995-96 Distinguished Speakers series.*

zine; as a professional consumer of news; and as a member of the American public. Steinfels compared media coverage of religion in the past and today, "religious institutions traditionally sought coverage but not critical coverage." This has changed in light of current events like the Branch Davidian catastrophe.

Steinfels compared secular and religious publications and stated that "independent journals of public affairs do not speak for their tradition, whereas religious publications interpret politics, for example, from a Catholic tradition." Stressing the need for religious publications, she stated that such publications bridge the gap between religion and society, and minority views are given a voice.



*Lexington Herald-Leader Editor and Senior Vice President Timothy A. Kelly and Newman Foundation Distinguished Speaker Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, Editor of Commonweal magazine.*

## Winter Evenings Series

Dr. Mike Nichols, a faculty member at Georgetown College, will conduct the Winter Evenings Series at 7:30 PM, February 5, 12 and 19, 1996. The general topic will be "Psychology and Faith: A Necessary Dialogue."


("Winter Evenings" was designed to have local speakers during winter weeks when weather conditions might inhibit bringing in out-of-town speakers.)

## Students Retreat

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breathhtaking overlook; canoe races; swimming in the brisk water; rope swinging into the lake that challenged even the bravest of souls; and card and board games that continued into the darkest part of the night.

The retreat had a little something for everyone - great food, encouraging people, new friendships, and a better understanding of themselves and their value to each other and the world. It was a cleansing of the soul and a gathering of the "pieces" left behind in this hectic world.



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# Fellows, Founders Honored At Payson Stud Event

**F**ellows and Founders of Newman Foundation, Inc. were honored at a Mass and dinner on October 22 at Payson Stud Farm. Mrs. Virginia Payson and her son, Dean Grimm, hosted the event. Special recognition was given to the following new Newman Fellows:

*Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Drnevich  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gandolfo  
Dr. and Mrs. William Green  
Mr. Dean Grimm  
Father Dan Noll  
Mrs. Virginia Payson  
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Yonke*

Newman Fellows have committed a total gift of \$10,000 or more to Newman Foundation, Inc. over a 10-year period.

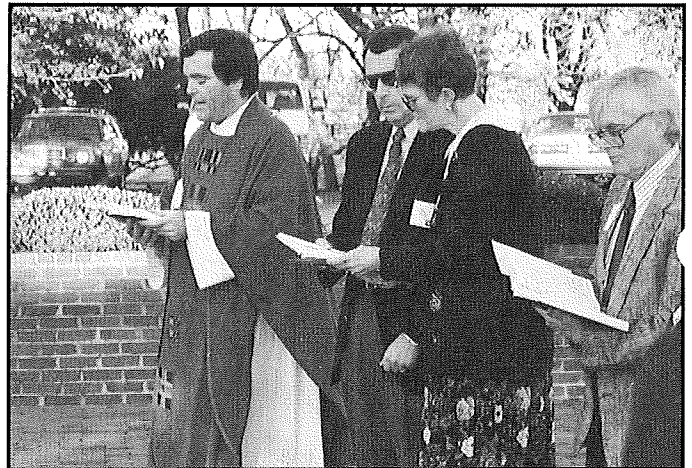


*Mrs. Virginia Payson, center, hosted the NFI dinner. With her are student ministry intern Don Fulford, left, and NFI guest Sarah Callahan.*

## Student Volunteers Power Winning Parent Phonathon



*UK Newman Center student volunteers spell out their appreciation for parents' response in the second annual Parent Phonathon held November 1-9. Parent pledges to support the Student Fund surpassed the goal of \$10,000.*



*Father Dan Noll celebrates Mass at Payson Stud Farm prior to dinner honoring Fellows and Founders. Attending Mass were, from left, Dr. Ron and Colleen Duell, NFI Fellows and Founders; and Dr. Ray Betts, NFI Founder.*

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