



Newman Foundation, INC.

Bringing Christ's light to our community

What we've been up to >>

Distinguished Speakers' Program brings Dr. Margaret Ralph to UK's campus

In her lecture *Nourished & Ruled by Scripture*, Dr. Ralph addressed the fact that the Catholic Church teaches us to be *Nourished & Ruled by Scripture*. The Catholic Church also teaches us to be contextualists, to put the authority of scripture behind the intent of the inspired author. In this talk she reviewed the contextualist approach to scripture and then asked if we are being *Nourished & Ruled by Scripture* in regard to issues such as homosexuality and women's ordination.



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NFI hosts its annual Fellows & Founders celebration

Winter weather in Lexington did not prevent the warm celebration of board members, donors and community members at a cocktail party on February 6, 2014. Thanks again to all who contributed to the wonderful evening.

To find out more about NFI, how it works, or to become a Fellow, Founder, Friend, or donor, visit our website at www.newmanfnd.org!



Fellows & Founders annual celebration

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NFI continues to provide funding through its Grants Program in 2014

NFI is an independent nonprofit corporation that seeks to deepen and integrate personal, spiritual, and intellectual development at Newman Centers, the University of Kentucky, the Diocese of Lexington, and within the larger Catholic community by providing financial resources, physical facilities, and initiated programs. To apply for a grant visit www.newmanfnd.org, or recommend it to those you know!

> **Building a United Interfaith Lexington Through Direct Action:** NFI provided money for BUILD to purchase translation equipment to use at their Nehemiah Action Assembly, which targets social justice issues in Lexington such as the affordable housing initiative.

> **Grant to UK Special Education:** NFI will be sending six UK students studying special education to Guatemala to help serve children with special education needs.

> **Georgetown College:** NFI granted money to Ss. Francis and John's Catholic Church near Georgetown College to help them supply their Newman Club office on campus.

Continuing the 2013 10 & 10 campaign

NFI would like to thank all of its past and current donors. However, we are in need of your continuing support! We are in special need of donors who give consistently, no matter the amount. Your continued support helps provide the Foundation with longevity and with a critical base of people who care deeply for the works we accomplish together. Therefore, NFI is continuing its 2013 campaign. Check out why YOU should give! Use our PayPal account at www.newmanfnd.org or send checks to 628 N. Broadway Lexington, KY 40508.

The Question is...Why Give to the NFI 2013 Fundraising Campaign?

Because the NFI...

1. Purchased it (the Newman Center Property in 1969)
2. Built it (the Newman Center in 1972)
3. Renovated it (added kitchen, lobby, student lounge and music room in the 90's)
4. Fixed it (following the flood in 1992)
5. Bought it (gave over \$100,000 to the music program since 1987 the organ, the tympani, the handbells, and the baby grand piano)
6. Funded it (\$2,000,000 UK Chair of Catholic Studies in 2005)
7. Sent them (student ministry trips for 40+ years)
8. Supported them (\$100,000 in grants since 2001 supporting program requests across the Diocese and throughout the Appalachian parishes)
9. Brought them (100 distinguished speakers since 1983)
10. Needs you (without you and your support, we cannot do what we do!)

We're raising \$100,000 and 1,000 new Friends in 10 months!

**Give now online at www.newmanfnd.org
or call 859-255-0880**

We haven't reached our \$100,000 goal yet!

We need your help and support to serve YOUR community.

Look at the positive change YOU have

The NFI continues to be an independent, separate organization from the Newman Center (Holy Spirit Parish) at the University of Kentucky. No financial support will be provided to the Holy Spirit Parish Newman Center unless specifically requested by the Parish and approved by the NFI.

How can I get involved?

We appreciate all those who have served with us in the past, those who currently serve our board, and all those yet to come. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Contribute monetarily by visiting newmanfnd.org or by sending checks to our office at 628 N. Broadway.
2. Apply for grants via our website or recommend that others do so.
3. Contact us by phone at (859) 255-0880 or at newmandirector@gmail.com and suggest speakers and events that you'd like to see happen.
4. Give of your time by offering to help with receptions, office work, and special projects.
5. Spread the word about the Newman Foundation at work, at school, in your parish, and invite us to support you!

Thanks again to all of you-- our donors, volunteers, Trustees, interns, readers, and supporters of all types, past present, and future. We could not do it without you!

Calendar of Events

Events>>

+ **Distinguished Speakers Lecture:** Stay tuned! The NFI DSP Committee will be bringing a guest to lecture in Fall 2014!

+ **Meet the New Bishop:** Coming this fall...stay tuned for details!

Students>> Don't forget to take advantage of these great opportunities!

+**Register for courses:**

Fall & Spring HIS 191 History of Christianity

Spring CLA/ HIS 191, Christians in the Roman Empire

+**Join clubs:**

Society for the Study of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (SSCIT) is a student group that meets monthly during the school year to discuss a wide variety of readings. Professor Lou Swift will be the faculty adviser while Dr. Hunter is on sabbatical. If you'd like further information contact our office and we will put you in touch!



A letter from the NFI funded UK Chair of Catholic Studies: Dr. David G. Hunter

Newman Foundation Supporters,

I have had the privilege of an extended sabbatical year because of fellowships received from different sources. From August to December of 2013, I was a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest. From January 2014 until December 2014, I am a Visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Living in Europe has provided an opportunity to travel and lecture in different countries and venues, from the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Ružomberok in Košice, Slovakia to the School of History, Classics, and Archaeology of the University of Edinburgh, as well as in Budapest and Leuven. The coming months include lectures at Durham and Oxford in England, and talks at conferences in Rome, Vienna, Regensburg (the theology faculty of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). Obviously, sabbaticals are not for “rest”!

But the most important aspect of this year is the opportunity for sustained research and writing. I am working on a new history of the origins of priestly celibacy in the early church, which will be published by Oxford University Press. I hope to have the text largely completed by the end of my sabbatical. I have also recently completed a lengthy chapter on “Married Priests in Eastern and Western Christianity” to appear soon in the *Brill Companion to Medieval Priesthood*.

None of this would have been possible without the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies. As I have written in the Acknowledgements of my forthcoming book: “Special thanks are owed to Dr. Carol Cottrill and Thomas Rolfes for their hopeful vision of church and theology and commitment to Catholic education, and to the Newman Foundation Inc. for its continued support of the Catholic Studies chair at the University of Kentucky.”

Thank you!

Thoughts from our Fall intern, Cally

My semester as a marketing and fundraising intern for the Newman Foundation Inc. has shown to be a great experience. Throughout this internship, I was given the opportunity to assist in the creation of promotional print and fundraising materials, help in the organization and planning of a Distinguished Speakers event, assist in newsletter creation, utilize various software programs, create newspaper advertisements, market for the NFI 2013 campaign, perform social media marketing tactics, and, last, but not least, I was able to meet all of the amazing people who compile the Newman Foundation, Inc. Through my involvement with the Newman Foundation Inc., I have been able to grow, not only as a student interested in marketing/fundraising, but as a person.

Overall, this internship has been a great opportunity and a valuable experience. Not only am I grateful to have been able to work with kind, caring and intelligent people, but I am

also grateful for all the valuable knowledge that I have gained. Through the selfless and honorable acts of this non-profit organization, people's lives are changed for the better, and I am thankful to have been a part of it.

-- Cally McCumber, UK Class of 2013. Cally is now currently completing her eligibility as a Track and Field Athlete for UK and is pursuing a career in advertising and marketing. Best of luck to her!

Thoughts from our Spring intern, Hannah

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with an organization like Newman Foundation, Inc. This organization makes an impact not only on the city of Lexington, but other communities as well. Working on the newsletter and webpage for NFI has expanded my knowledge of unfamiliar software programs and strengthened my writing skills. I am excited to see what NFI in store for the rest of Spring!

-- Hannah Sams, UK Class of 2014

Thoughts from our Summer intern, Dalan

The Newman Foundation has given me an opportunity to collaborate with community leaders and dedicated professionals. As a person looking to improve both mentally and professionally, this internship has provided a platform to fine tune my skills and reaffirm my passions for design and knowledge. The Newman Foundation strives to assist the community in the interest of its message of spirituality and education. I have enjoyed my experience with the Newman Foundation and look forward to my work with the Foundation in the future.

-- Dalan Overstreet, UK Class of 2014

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A letter from the President

Readers,

Pope Francis has focused on the marginalized and on the poor, leading through acts of charity, acceptance, and love. In doing so he has captured the attention, admiration, and imagination of many around the globe, regardless of their belief system. By embracing us all regardless of our differences, he is making the Catholic Church more accessible, more now than ever before. He remains steadfastly focused on commonalities -- bringing people together rather than dividing them. By taking a stance saying that the “theology of women in the church” continues to be underdeveloped, he embodies the meaning of equality. His words and actions constantly challenge us to think differently -- to look at self and others differently.

The Pope’s examples of humility and love are refreshing, his hesitancy to judge exemplary. Nearly 100 attendees listened to an intellectually passionate and spiritually fulfilling distinguished speaker, Dr. Margaret Ralph, in October 2013.

Dr. Margaret Ralph worked for the Diocese of Lexington for 16 years as the Secretary of Educational Ministries, and she also taught at the Lexington Theological Seminary. An author of 15 books on Scripture, and, for many, Dr. Ralph stands as an example of a strong, Catholic woman who embodies strong faith and mind.

While the Pope has explained that an over concentration on specific issues threatens the moral structure of the church and causes us to “lose the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel,” Dr. Ralph helped us refresh that fragrance through her contextualist approach to Scripture. Her lecture, *Nourished and Ruled by Scripture*, encouraged participants to contemplate

the intent of the author in reading, studying, and interpreting Scripture.

Dr. Ralph’s presentation was sponsored by the NFI’s Distinguished Speaker’s series. It is through the financial generosity of our donors that we may continue to provide similar programs that enrich the spiritual and intellectual lives of our community. We thank our supporters and know that our continued dedication to our commonalities -- our focus on the Newman Apostolate and our steadfast determination to bring people together -- will continue to move us forward, as a community and as an organization!

-Elizabeth Lucas



Director’s Report

Readers,

2013 was a great year for the Foundation in terms of strengthening our identity and planning how to accomplish our mission. We are pleased to be able to serve locally and within Kentucky through continuing our Grants and Distinguished Speakers’ programs. We are also thrilled to have continued collaboration with Kentucky Newman Centers on fulfilling the responsibilities of the Newman Apostolate.

Your support, as always, is an invaluable part of helping to develop the intellectual and spiritual lives of Catholics throughout their lifespans.

You are raising and nourishing leaders for the future—is there a labor more difficult or more inspirational? This IS faith in action. Here’s to a great year!

-Maria Bane

NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Radun

I have been attending the Newman Center for the past 20 years and have served in various ministries including, most recently, lecturing and music. I have had the pleasure of growing up with this exceptional Catholic community and the support that it gives for spiritual, personal and social development. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, I currently teach high school history and geography at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and am the assistant coach of the Dunbar Speech and Debate team.

Katie Yunker

I was Board member from 2004-2010, started a new term in 2014 and, with Katie Radun, chair the Distinguished Speakers Program. I received the benefits of the Newman Apostolate during her undergraduate and professional/graduate student years at Duke University and Yale University, and has been a parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish/Newman Center since 1983. I started a solo law practice in 1994, which has grown into the small firm of Yunker & Park PLC. I enjoy ministering as a lector, altar service, and musician, and spending spare time gardening, running, reading, and hanging out with her husband. Guinness stout is my favorite beer, and black is my favorite color.

Joe Wilson

I have survived all the pastors at the Newman Center, having arrived in Lexington in 1963 from Massena, NY where I attended high school, Boston, MA for college, Bloomington, IN for grad school, and Madison, WI for post-doctorate. In 1999, I retired from teaching and research in the Chemistry Department at the University of Kentucky.

My better half is Marlene Miracle Wilson, the mother of our three children, Josh, Ruth and Sarah. Currently I continue to do some teaching and tutoring, volunteer work, and regular exercise to prepare for the upcoming triathlon season, when I expect to dominate my age group.

About ten years ago I served a term on the Board of the Newman Foundation. Because I believe it is a vitally important institution in the life of the Catholic Church in Lexington, I am honored to be a part of supporting and maintaining that institution for the long term.

Tom Little

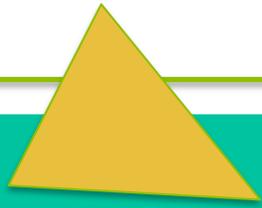
I retired from Lexmark as Senior Global Product Manager. I am also a retired Army colonel, having served 28 years on active duty and in the Kentucky National Guard. I am a graduate of Centre College and hold a Masters degree in Public Administration. My wife, Marcia, and I have been members of the Newman Center congregation for more than 20 years and both are active in the music ministry.

Currently, I serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of LeXenomics and previously served on the Lexington Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors for 18 years. I continue to volunteer regularly and coordinate the annual Catholic parishes' Habitat build. Other committees I have served on include, the Board at Lexington Catholic High School and United Way of the Bluegrass. I have been involved with BUILD since its inception in Lexington.



We give these newest members a warm welcome and applaud their initiative for service!

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