



The Newman Update

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A PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Following in the footsteps of St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Kevin, nineteen students and staff recently completed this year's Catholic Faith Series with a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle.

The Newman Center completed the sixth year of the Catholic Faith Series with an 11 day pilgrimage to Ireland, culminating a year long study of the Church's sacraments and Christian morality.

Nineteen students and staff members began their pilgrimage in Dublin on May 10th, returning from Shannon on May 21st.

In Dublin, the pilgrimage visited Trinity College to see the famous medieval copy of the Gospels, called the Book of Kells; St. Patrick's Cathedral; the ruins of St. Kevin's Church and the Newman Chapel.

Leaving Dublin, the group visited Glendalough, the medieval monastery built by St. Kevin; St Brigid's Monastery in County Kildare, with its famous round tower; the Hill of Tara, best known as the seat of the High Kings of Ireland; the Hill of



Newman Center students and staff at St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral in Armagh, Northern Ireland

Slane where St. Patrick lit the Easter fire in 433 A.D. and challenged the power of the Druids; and Downpatrick, one of the supposed burial sites of St. Patrick.

Crossing into Northern Ireland, the group visited Armagh, the self-proclaimed ecclesiastical center of Ireland where the group visited St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and the St. Patrick Trian museum.

In County Donegal, the group participated in a one day retreat at St. Patrick's Purgatory on Lough Derg and a climb to the summit of Croah Patrick, the hill where St. Patrick fasted for 40 days in 441 A. D.

In County Mayo, the group visited Ireland's National Marian Shrine in Knock.

The pilgrimage next traveled to County Galway to visit Connemara; the fabulous Kylemore Abbey, and the magnificent medieval monastery of Clonmacnoise.

The final day in Ireland was spent visiting the Burren, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Bunratty Castle and Folk Park.



Kerry Nelson, Jen Ormsby and Andrew Hrdlicka on the slopes of Croah Patrick..

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FAITH & LEADERSHIP

2005 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AWARD

The Newman Center was very fortunate to have two recipients of the John Henry Newman Award this year.

This annual award is given to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of faith, scholarship and community service. It is the highest award given by the Newman Center.

Megan Decker, a senior Music major, and Anthony Barber, a sophomore Electrical Engineering major, both from Tulsa, are this year's recipients.

Both have been outstanding supporters of the Newman Center's mission and examples of faith for the Catholic community at the University of Tulsa.



Anthony Barber and Megan Decker, recipients of this year's John Henry Newman Award.



Meghan Beam, a freshman from Wichita, KS, gives her personal reflection on the Fruits of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, during a high school Confirmation Retreat. Almost 100 high school students from 8 area parishes attended this year's retreats.

A NEW SEMINARIAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF TULSA

John Grant, a May 2004 graduate of the University of Tulsa, became a seminarian for the Diocese of Tulsa in January, 2005.

John was a very active member of the Newman Community before and during his years at TU. He was a member of the Peer Ministry team, served as Peer Ministry President for 2002-2003, and participated in many Newman Center programs. He was also the recipient of the John Henry Newman Award in 2003.



John began his studies in January at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. He follows in the footsteps of at least two former Newman affiliated men currently serving the Diocese of Tulsa: Fr. Edward Yew, Associate Pastor at St. John University Parish in Stillwater, OK, and Fr. Stuart Crevcoire, the Newman Center's Chaplain and Parish Administrator at Sacred Heart Church in Sapulpa, OK.



7TH ANNUAL ERIS YOUTH RALLY

Thirty Newman Center students organized, advertised, and led the 7th annual “Exalt and Rejoice in the Spirit” junior high youth rally, held April 9th at St. Bernard’s Church in Tulsa.

The day-long event featured Mass, a Rosary, skits, team competitions and more. The theme for this year’s ERIS was “Spirit ... Is It In You?”

Supported by the Youth and Young Adult office of the Diocese of Tulsa, 75 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students attended. Proceeds of the retreat assisted the All Saints School gymnasium project.



JANUARY BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross visited the Newman Center on January 19th for the second campus-wide blood drive of the year.

Continuing the success of previous drives, more than 40 usable units of blood were collected. Organized by the Peer Ministry team, the Newman Center sponsors campus-wide drives at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

Elizabeth Turner, a sophomore from Tahlequah, OK is shown preparing for her donation.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE “U”

A tradition begun by former chaplain, Fr. Joe Townsend, students of the Newman Center presented a dramatized version of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Held on the “U” in front of McFarlin Library, more than 35 students and staff attended.



NEWMAN CHOIR

Friends of the Newman Center are aware of the fine work of the Newman Choir and its young adult oriented style of music. The choir, under the direction of **Megan Decker**, a senior from Tulsa, experienced another good year and a growth in membership.

SERVICE

The Mission of the St. Philip Neri Newman Center is to prepare university students for a life of faith and leadership in the Catholic Church and service to the world.

GUATEMALA 2005



Fr. Jack Gleason gets some refreshment while working on the house project.

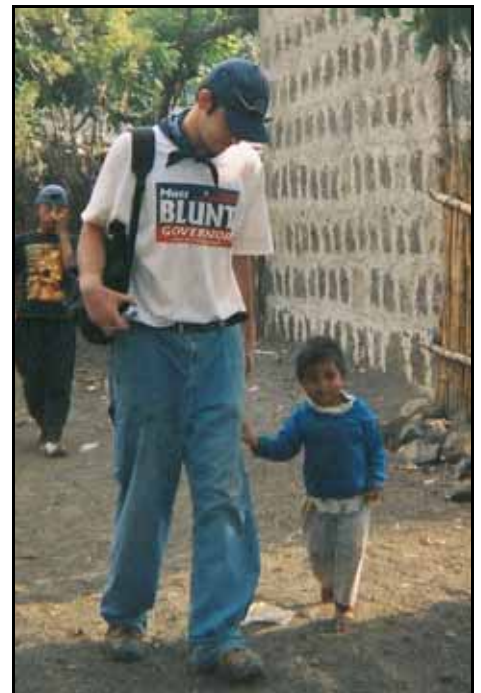
CONSTRUCTION OF 8TH HOME BEGINS IN SANTIAGO ATITLAN GUATEMALA

The Newman Center students participating in this year's Social Justice/Guatemala Service Immersion Program began construction of the program's eighth home in the Panabaj neighborhood of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala.

Following six weeks of a discussion course on the Church's social justice teachings, fifteen students joined Steve Nelson, campus minister and Fr. Jack Gleason, former Newman Center chaplain and pastor of Tulsa's Church of the Madalene, in the annual Spring Break immersion experience to Guatemala.

Working with the staff of the Parroquia Santiago Apostol and local workmen, the students began the house building project by digging the foundation of the home. Built entirely by hand and using only local materials, the home takes about 3 months to complete. Nonetheless, the experience helps immerse the students in the local culture. Throughout the week-long visit, the group had opportunities to visit the parish school, participate in parish Masses, and interact with the people of the town.

This year's student participants were Anthony Barber, Beth Wensel, Brandon Pollet, Brian Kane, Bryan Ketterer, Danielle Scheuerman, Henry Tran, Jon Wood, Joseph Martinez, Kerry Nelson, Megan Decker, Meghan Beam, Nicole Larson, Nicole Veit, and Paul St. Romain.



Brian Kane walks with one of the neighborhood children in Panabaj. The kids of the area are constant companions whenever the Newman Center group is there.



MOTHER MARY AGNES DONOVAN SPEAKS AT ST. PHILIP NERI SOCIETY DINNER

Mother Mary Agnes Donovan, superior general of the Sisters of Life, a contemplative/active order created by Cardinal John O'Connor in 1991, was the guest speaker at this year's St. Philip Neri Society Dinner on April 13, 2005.

Appearing before more than 250 guests, her presentation was entitled "Jesus, Our Eucharistic Lord, Made In His Image."

The St. Philip Neri Society Dinner is an annual event in support of the Newman Center immersion programs.

Shown, left to right, are Bishop Edward Slattery, Fr. Stuart Crevcoure, and Mother Mary Agnes Donovan.



Nicole Larson works on Valentine's Day favors for recipients of Tulsa's Meals-on-Wheels program.



DODGEBALL FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF

Emily Starke, a sophomore from St. Louis, spearheaded a campus-wide community service project to help provide funds for those devastated in the December 2004 tsunami.

Working with TU's Student Association, Emily organized a dodgeball tournament on March 4th, at the Collins Fitness Center on the TU campus. Over \$1,000 was raised for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Members of the Newman Center team are shown above.



The TU Knights of Columbus Council (#11633) held a "Newman Clean Up Day" in April. Bryan Ketterer and Daniel Grant are shown providing landscaping assistance. The Newman Center is always grateful for their assistance.

Previous issues of the Newman Update are available on-line (and in color!) at:

www.tu-newman.org

COMMUNITY

The home-away-from-home atmosphere at the Newman Center is a vital part of maintaining our community. In addition to the liturgical celebrations, educational programs, service projects and leadership experiences, our social activities provide the fabric that brings the students together for a meaningful college and Catholic experience. Here we let pictures paint our thousand words. Enjoy this glimpse into the lives of our students.



Brian Kane and Patrick Padley encourage guests to enjoy Spaghetti Fest 2005, held at Bishop Kelley High School on January 22nd. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the Service Immersion/Guatemala program.



February 26th was Coffeehouse/Open Mic. Night at the Newman Center. Here Scott Heaton and Jenny Stahl lead guests in a sing-along of John Denver songs!



Suzie Curtin, Newman Center Operations Director, and Fr. Stuart Crevcoure (front row), join a large group of students in a TU tradition. Gathered around the old Kendall Hall bell, graduating seniors Jon Peyton (front row, kneeling), and Megan Decker (center) rang the bell to signify the end of the class work for their respective degrees. (Note: the cupola and bell from the old Kendall Hall is being relocated to the new Bayless Plaza, part of major new construction beginning on the south side of campus.)

SACRAMENTS X 3

The Sacraments of Initiation were celebrated by Newman Center students on three occasions this Spring. Erin Wilhite joined the Church during the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Church in Sapulpa, OK.



Three Newman Center students were confirmed by Bishop Edward Slattery on April 22nd at Tulsa's St. Pius X Church. A sizeable group of Newman Center students, family and friends were present as Joseph Martinez, Alejandro Tejerina and Carlos de la Torre were confirmed.



For several months, Joao Camanda prepared five members of TU's Angolan Community to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Shown here with Fr. Stuart Crevcoure, Newman Center chaplain and their sponsors are Jose Manual Rodrigues, Josefa Vanessa Silva da Cunha, Stelvia Patricia Verissima e Costa, Miryane Fernanda Correia Camati, and Fadua Tucane Correia Camati.

On June 18th, forty members of the Angolan community gathered at the Newman Center for a special Mass where Fr. Stuart conferred the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion according to each person's need.

ALUMNI REPORT

NEWMAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMED

Several recent Newman alumni have teamed up to create the **Association of Newman Alumni**, an organization whose goals are to help continue the mission of the St. Philip Neri Newman Center and to foster interaction between alumni.

Candice Calhoun('02), Christopher Guglielmo('04) and John Grant('04) are the organizing members. For more information, check out their website at: www.tunewmanalumni.com.

FROM OUR ALUMNI

Thank you to all the Newman Center alumni who have given us current news about their lives and careers. We love hearing from you. If you have news that you'd like to share with your Newman friends, email us at tu-newman@utulsa.edu.

Sean Cribbs ('02,) and Elizabeth Hille ('03) were married on May 28th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kansas City, MO. Currently, both are students at the UMKC Conservatory of Music.



Samantha (Roop) Ready ('01) with her son, Robert Lynn Ready III on a recent visit to the Newman Center. Her husband, Robert Lynn Ready II, is currently deployed overseas with the US Navy.

Nadine (Bissonnette) White ('02) graduated in May with her Master's Degree in School Psychology from Trinity University in San Antonio.

Blake Carpenter ('04), currently living in Houston, will relocate to Austin in order to begin work towards his Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas - Austin.



Ben Orozco ('04) sent us this photo from a recent formal he attended at Harvard University. Ben has just completed his first year at the Harvard School of Medicine.

Erin Brewerton ('00) has graduated from the University of Texas - Austin, with her M.S. in Nursing. She plans to remain in Austin and will work as a Family Nurse Practitioners for Austin Heart, a local group of heart specialists.

Michelle Clancy ('02) is working in Graduate Admissions for OSU-Tulsa. She is active in Tulsa's Diocesan Young Adult Ministry Council, the Church of the Madalene and the Association of Newman Alumni.

Sean Keveny ('97) currently lives in Arlington, VA and works as an attorney for the US Department of Justice.

Elizabeth Bender ('02) is working as a special FX make-up artist in Orlando, FL.

Clairine Cadena ('02) is graduating with a Masters in Speech Language Pathology from San Diego State.

Michael Flavin ('02) is engaged to Rachel Wuerflein ('04). He lives in St. Louis and is employed as a graphic designer.

Daniel Kretschmer ('00) lives in St. Louis where he works as a contract design engineer at Boeing.

Don ('92) and Megan Zetik ('94) live in Tulsa. Don is owner and pediatrician for Pediatric and Adolescent Care. Megan is attending graduate school and caring for their 3 year-old son.

Brandon Pollet (MS, '05), Cody Pollet ('07) and others have joined together to start a new computer gaming company called F5 Games, L.L.C.

Mary (Mackey) Roth ('00/'03) is working in Bryan County, GA as a Speech Language Pathologist. Her husband, Sgt. Nicholas Roth ('01) is deployed to Iraq with the US Army.

Laura Dillon ('03) lives in Tulsa where she is employed as a middle school Spanish teacher.

Lauren (Kott) Milller ('03) lives with her husband Chris Miller on the island of Honshu in Japan where they are stationed with the US Air Force. Their first child, Josephine Mary Miller, was born May 11, 2005.

Jon Mills ('01) works at Kevin Duffy Orthodontist, in Tulsa and has applied to medical school for the Fall of 2006. Jon set a personal record in the 50m freestyle in a Master's swim meet in May. He also made his profession of faith and was Confirmed into the Catholic Church in June!

OUR THANKS & APPRECIATION!

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- Christ the King Church
- St. Francis Xavier Church
- Holy Family Cathedral
- St. Thomas More Church
- Tulsa Area Legion of Mary
- Madalene Church Men's Club
- St. Pius X Church
- Sacred Heart Church, Sapulpa
- St. Benedict's Church
- Church of the Madalene



October 2, 2006 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Newman Center's presence on the University of Tulsa campus!

We will mark the occasion with special commemorations beginning with TU's Homecoming on September 24, 2005 and continuing through October, 2006.

Watch the Newman Center's website (www.tu-newman.org) for more information and scheduled events

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