



# the newman update

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## NEWMAN CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR STATE CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

Each Fall, the Catholic campus ministries from around Oklahoma come together for an annual convention. Hosted in turn by each of the major campuses, the Newman Center welcomed students for this year's event.

Held November 5-7, eighty students from Oklahoma State University, the University of Central Oklahoma, St. Gregory's University, Northeastern State University, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa attended.

The theme of the convention was "A Call to Holiness" with activities that included keynote speakers, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, and a dance.

A workshop, entitled "Religious Life—What's It All About?" was presented by three Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Deacon Alan



Attendees at the 2004 State Catholic College Student Convention, hosted by the St. Philip Neri Newman Center on November 5-7.

Mikell from Tulsa spoke about marriage and family life. Fr. Stuart Crevcoure, Chaplain of the Newman Center offered a workshop on holy orders.

Convention participants also volunteered several hours towards work projects at Saints Peter and Paul Parish and Catholic Charities' Madonna House.

The convention closed with Sunday Mass offered by Most Reverend Edward Slattery, Bishop of Tulsa.



Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



Newman Center Peer Ministry President Tom Queathem volunteers at Saints Peter and Paul Parish as part of the State Convention.

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# FAITH & LEADERSHIP

## NEWMAN PEER MINISTRY SPONSORS CAMPUS-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE

**S**ponsoring campus-wide blood drives is one of the ways the Peer Ministry team has chosen to increase its campus leadership. Working with the Oklahoma Blood Institute, the first drive was held on September 28th.

Held in conjunction with the weekly Free Tuesday Lunch program, the turnout was not only more than expected, but more than could be handled. More than 70 students, faculty and staff members showed up in the three hours that were scheduled.

While many people had to be turned away, approximately 40 usable pints of blood were collected.

The next blood drive will be with the Red Cross on January 19th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Newman Center's Boudreau Activity Center.



*Students participating in the Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive held at the Newman Center on September 28, 2004.*

### CAMPUS MINISTER PARTICIPATES IN TU'S NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

**T**hanks to the generosity of TU's New Student Programs and Services Department, Steve Nelson, campus minister, had the privilege of working as a "mentor" during this year's New Student Orientation Program, held in mid-August.

The week-long program, including a three-day off campus camp, gave the Newman Center the chance to meet many new students before classes began. This has become an exciting new way of introducing our programs and activities to students unfamiliar with the Newman Center.



*Freshman Ryan Vierling of St. Louis leads the way with one of the first donations of the day.*



Peer Ministers Nicole Larson and Lizzy Turner assist Fr. Stuart register new and returning students during the annual Activities Fair in August.



The Newman Center is blessed with another tremendous group of Peer Ministers. This year's vital group of student leaders, seen peeking out of the Center's elevator, are (L to R): Tom Queathem (president), Lizzy Turner, Kerry Nelson, Nicole Larson, Mara Delcamp and Anthony Barber.



Complete with Santa hats, more than a dozen Newman Center students entertained the residents of the Franciscan Villa Nursing Home with Christmas carols in December. The outing was sponsored by the St. Therese Women's Group.



Justin Luner looks on as Fr. Stuart Crevcoure leads the discussion during a Dead Theologians Society Dinner, held on October 25th.

## CATHOLIC FAITH SERIES BEGINS ITS SIXTH YEAR

One of the most important programs offered each year is the Catholic Faith Series. This three-year curriculum of faith education classes is currently in Year 2 of the cycle, offering a year-long course entitled "Sacraments and the Moral Life."

During the Fall semester, the class covered topics such as the historical development of the sacramental concept and an in-depth discussion of each of the seven sacraments.

The Spring semester will tackle specific issues in morality, man's vocation, grace and justification, the law, and virtues.

Taught by Newman Center chaplain, Fr. Stuart Crevcoure, the issues and topics of the educational program will be reinforced with a two-week pilgrimage to the historical and religious sites of Ireland in May 2005.

## 7TH ERIS RETREAT COMING IN APRIL 2005

An annual event sponsored by students of the Newman Center, this year's Exalt and Rejoice in the Spirit Youth Rally will be held April 9, 2005.

The only one of its type in the Diocese of Tulsa, ERIS is a daylong rally/retreat for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. All proceeds from the retreat are used for charity.

Activities during the retreat include music, games, skits, Mass, a rosary, Stations of the Cross, and a dance.

# 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.*

## STUDENTS PROVIDE A SEMESTER OF SERVICE

Service to the Church and the Community has always been a cornerstone of the Newman Center's mission. Thanks to the efforts of the Peer Ministry Team, the Knights of Columbus Council #11633, and the St. Therese Women's Group, our students had more opportunities than usual to serve the community.

In addition to service projects listed elsewhere (a blood drive and State Convention work projects), a number of other activities also occurred.

Peer Ministry projects included a trip to the Day Center for the Homeless on September 17th; a painting and landscaping weekend at St. Agnes Church in Antlers, Oklahoma; and a Children's Halloween Party for the residents of the St. Elizabeth Lodge in Tulsa.

Working with Family and Child Services of Tulsa, the Newman Center helped to provide Christmas gifts for a local family. The annual date auction, held during the Christmas party, raised almost \$600 for this deserving family. Along with individual gifts and contributions, the students were able to provide bicycles, a microwave oven, clothes, books, educational materials and groceries.

The St. Therese Women's Group also coordinated several projects with Catholic Charities' Madonna House, including sorting clothes and providing landscaping services.

In December, the Knights of Columbus Council spent a Saturday afternoon on a variety of projects at Sacred Heart Parish in Sapulpa.



*Bryan Ketterer, a freshman from Coppell, TX, works on a landscaping project at St. Agnes Church in Antlers, OK. Also pictured with Bryan (above right) are Jenny Stahl, Megan Decker, Fr. Joe Townsend (pastor and former Newman Center chaplain), Mara Delcamp and Steve Nelson.*



*Jenny Stahl, a graduate student from Minnesota, paints bathrooms at St. Agnes Church in Antlers, OK.*



Mark Eschmann, Joseph Eby, Gina Berend and Brian Ketterer help serve dinner to residents of Tulsa's Day Center for the Homeless on September 17th.



Julie Carlson, Meghan Beam and Nicole Larson help sort children's clothing at Catholic Charities' Madonna House.



Members of Knights of Columbus Council #11633 remove tarpaulins from the pavilion at Sacred Heart Church in Sapulpa, OK. The Knights also helped decorate the church for Christmas and cleaned out storage closets.



Jim Fox, a sophomore from St. Louis, sports a tux during the annual date auction. Joseph Martinez, a freshman from Flower Mound, TX serves as the auctioneer. Nine students allowed themselves to be "auctioned" off for dates to the upcoming Spring Dance. Proceeds from the auction were used for charity.



Emily Starke (second from left), service projects coordinator, poses with gifts donated and purchased for an adopted Christmas family. With her are Jim Fox, Tom Queathem and Lizzy Turner.



Jordan Friesen and Becky Jackson work on a landscaping project at Saints Peter and Paul Parish during the annual State Catholic College Student Convention.

# COMMUNITY

The home-away-from-home atmosphere at the Newman Center is a vital part of maintaining our community. In addition to all 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.



Trent Wetta, Fred Laeger, and Joel Whitney enjoy floating the Illinois River as part of Welcome Week activities.



Intramural Ultimate Frisbee team members Steve Nelson, Mark Eschmann, Henry Tran, Joseph Martinez, Paul St. Romain, Bryan Ketterer, Jaime Hecht, Gina Berend and Jim Fox. The team made a good showing, winning its first two games before being eliminated in the semi-finals of the two day tournament.



The 3rd Annual "Water Balloon Melee" was held on the "U" on September 8th. A popular event, this has been a great ice-breaker for new students.



The Newman Center parking lot came alive during TU's Homecoming celebration in October. Following this year's "Olympic" theme, a Parthenon, torch and gateway were constructed for the enjoyment of alumni and students alike.



Fr. Stuart blesses the Newman Center's entry in the Homecoming Chariot Race.



Emily Starke and Sam Korbe enjoy Newman's Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner in November.



Patrick Padley aaargh-ues with the camera during the annual Halloween party in October.



Christina Nelson and Anthony Barber serve as DJ's during the State Convention dance held in the basement of John Mabee Hall in November.



Mens' Intramural Football team members (L to R): Ryan DuBois, Andrew Hrdlicka, Kevin Milford, Dan Becvar, Jim Fox, Jon Wood, Mike Edelmann and Tom Queathem.

# ALUMNI REPORT

Here is news from Newman Center alumni from around the country and the world. We love hearing from you and are happy to give updates to your friends and former classmates who read *the newman update*.

John Grant (TU '04) was recently accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Tulsa. He will begin his studies for the priesthood at St. Meinrad Seminary in January, 2005.

Sean Foster (TU '04) entered graduate school at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. He is pursuing a master's degree in theology.

Terrell Siegfried (TU '02) has worked for NORDAM in Tulsa for the past two years. Last August, he entered law school at the University of Notre Dame.

Maria Murray (TU '00) and her fiancé Troy Snow were married on De-

ember 9th in a beautiful ceremony at the Newman Center.

Lt. David Ahn, USMC, (TU '99) is working towards his law degree and placement in the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is currently stationed in Newport, RI but will be moving to Okinawa by mid-year.

Vanessa Richards (TU '00), currently living in the Dallas area, has announced her engagement to Tony Fialo, formerly of Tulsa. The wedding is planned for the fall of 2005.

Katie Voegeli (TU '03) and Jake Rowland were married September 25th at Tulsa's Church of the Madalene.

Gabrielle Duda (TU '04) is the Director of Public Relations for the Mansion America Theater in Branson, MO. She recently spear-

headed the Mansion America Toys for Tots campaign and gathered more than 3,000 toys for needy children in the Branson area.

Hank Willenbrink (TU'03) will receive his MA in playwriting from the University of California—Santa Barbara in June.

Felicia Jackson (TU'02) is living in Houston and is in graduate school at the Univ. of Houston—Clear Lake and substitute teaching in Anahuac, TX.



Robert Lynn Ready III, born to Robert and Samantha (Roop) Ready on November 26, 2004. The Readys currently live in Anacortes, WA where Robert is stationed with the US Navy.



Morgan Paulus (back row, 5th from left) has extended her volunteer commitment with the Mision de Amistad in Mexico until next July. She will finish out the school year, continuing to work at a shelter for girls in primary school and teaching English and computer classes in two schools—one in Merida and the other in a village called Tixcacal.



John and Nadine White hosted a large New Year's gathering of TU and Newman Center alumni at their apartment in San Antonio. Also present were Lt. David Ahn (USMC), Erin Brewerton, Candice Calhoon, John Grant, Felicia Jackson, John Mills, Seth Smith, Jerry Suva, Kathleen Dowdell, and Steve Nelson. The group is shown visiting the San Jose Mission, founded in 1720.

## OUR THANKS & APPRECIATION!

The Newman Center wishes to thank the following people and organizations who recently assisted us in our mission with their generous gifts of time, talent and resources:

- Chris Sloan and The Copy Shop, 5 East 5th Street
- Mary Elizabeth Molitor for maintaining our library.
- Sacristans for keeping our chapel beautiful.

Thank you to the Tulsa area organizations for making the

Tuesday Lunch Program possible:

- 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. Augustine Church



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