

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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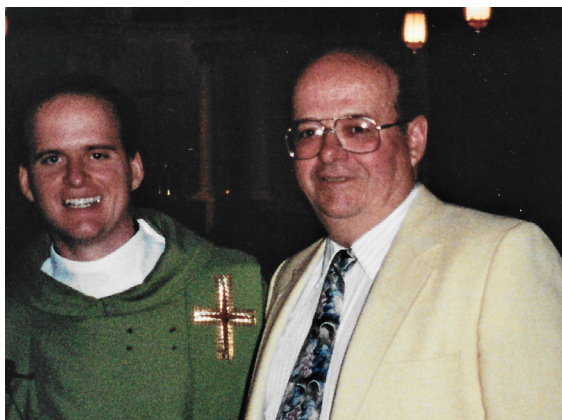
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Catching Up for a New Generation and Lessons from Dad

I hope you will not mind a bit of personal reflection as I consider this year and the year ahead? After many months of illness, my father, Benjamin “Darby” Cool, passed away this past January. The loss is felt every day. Even more, however, are the wonderful memories of a strong man, committed to each of his seven children and his Catholic faith. Many people ask if it is hard to preach at your father’s funeral. Honestly, it was not, because I was blessed for 83 years with a man of great humor, a bit of an Irish temper, and someone who would give the shirt off his back to help another.

When Darby retired and received \$10,000 from the savings account that he established through the US Post Office, a place he worked for over 30 years, he used it all to buy an in-ground pool. The pool was not for him or even his seven children—it was for the grandchildren, the first of whom was born the year he retired. What joy he received over the years because he gave. I marvel too how my father also kept up with the



Fr. Cool and his father, Benjamin, after Fr. Cool’s priestly ordination in 1993.

changing times in the culture around him, all the while holding firm to the “essential” things.

As a child of the Great Depression, Darby grew up through a world war, served in the US Army during the Korean War, walked within the Church during the changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council, and became a lay leader in Church life. During his life, the Civil Rights and Women’s Movements changed him as they changed the nation and the world.

I thank my father every single day through my prayers. And I thank you too! For the past 20 years of my life, Newman has reinforced these values that my father taught me in my professional life.

The turbulence of the late 1960s, the Vietnam War, along with the economic challenges of the 1970s, all while raising seven kids, had to be concerning to say the least. In the mid-1980s, my father arrested the alcoholism that had gripped him for years, and he followed through with the hard, interior work necessary, guided by the AA program, wherein his faith grew even deeper.

He DEEPLY enjoyed the many successes of his own children and the births of the generation that followed them. Married to my mother for over 60 years, he lived to meet many great-grandchildren! My father was very proud to have a priest in the family and was thrilled when a friend of mine began to call him “Father Cool Senior.”

This past October, I celebrated 25 years of being a priest with a Mass on campus. He was not physically able to join us. Nevertheless, despite our hometown of Auburn being an hour away, at that time, Darby was actually just a block away within the walls of Strong Memorial Hospital. Thus, my entire family was able to visit him on campus!

I always tell the students and teach them in other ways, “People are more important than things, exams, or projects. And as a people of faith, we have to believe this, because all of us are more important than anything to God. It is the divine initiative.” The loss of a loved one proves this abundantly.

This annual report calls me to reflect on our work here at Newman as well. Most significant to me this year was the discovery that the University of Rochester is far behind almost all of the other universities it benchmarks itself against—Rochester is the only institution without a dedicated Newman Catholic Center building (Case Western Reserve University, while not possessing a stand-alone Newman building, does have a parish adjacent to the university). We have an amazing, historic, and challenging opportunity to provide something incredible for our students, those young adults who desire to

live out their faith at Newman—a faith which is both dynamic and growing. For them and those who follow, we must CATCH UP! We need to meet the significant obstacles we face (lack of a dedicated prayer space on campus and the absence of sufficient office space for chaplains to meet students privately, etc.).

My father taught me many things in life. Foremost, he taught me to embrace the challenges, persevere, be rooted in faith, honest in all things, attend to those who follow us, and act generous to a fault. I thank my father every single day through my prayers. And I thank you too! For the past 20 years of my life, Newman has reinforced these values that my father taught me in my professional life. You have taught me through your prayer, financial generosity, friendship, and wisdom. There is no doubt we will CATCH UP because are not these values rooted in Christ himself?

Peace,



Rev. Brian C. Cool '06W (MS)

J. Nelson Hoffman '55 and Joan Dutcher Hoffman '55 Director of Catholic Newman Community Pastoral Care



Benjamin and Marion Cool with their grandchildren



Benjamin Cool on a visit to San Francisco

A Word from the Back Office



Thank you, thank you, thank you! In the fundraising world, experts continually disclose the importance of saying thank you, over and over again, to patrons, donors, and friends who contribute so much of their time, talent, and treasure to a cause or organization. And this is for a very good reason! As you can see in the following pages of this annual report, your generosity has allowed our ministry to flourish yet again! It is because

of your fiduciary kindness and your willingness to put your faith in an organization that seeks to display Christ's message of love and mercy that we are able to do just that on a daily basis, for countless Catholic and non-Catholic students alike across this sprawling campus. So, once again, thank you for your generosity this past year—you truly make a difference in the lives of our students!

Moreover, we have achieved outstanding success this past fiscal year with our Newman Comprehensive Campaign, a capital building and endowment project aimed at increasing Newman's footprint and influence within and surrounding the University for generations to come! We are making steady progress toward the historic opportunity for a Newman building. We are deeply indebted to all who have supported this cause to grow and expand the

Catholic presence at Rochester since day one. Thank you for believing in our mission and vision to create the best possible ministerial experience for all students—this project will only ensure that we reach more students, with more energy and vigor than ever before (all due to YOU!).

Love of God and love of neighbor in the last resort are radically dependent on each other. One is mediated by the other. -Karl Rahner, S.J.

I would like to end with a quote from one of my favorite theologians of the past century, Karl Rahner, S.J.: "Love of God and love of neighbor in the last resort are radically dependent on each other. One is mediated by the other." We, the staff of Newman, are dependent on you, alumni, parents, and friends of Newman, to imbue our students with the radical charity, justice, and compassion that Christ's Kingdom calls for! Thank you for being you and supporting what we do—God's work in the world cannot be done alone, and that is certainly not the case here.

In gratitude,

Andrew Nicholas Cirillo '12

Campus Minister for Advancement

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Who We Are and Why We Serve

Changing Lives and Changing Students

The Newman Community is made up of a variety of students, from a variety of backgrounds, who will eventually go on to do a variety of very exciting things in this world! Moreover, their activities and social justice service at Newman are no less distinct! Check out some interesting facts about our students, and how Newman's many ministries have influenced their lives.

Alternative Spring Break

Sabastian Abelezele '20
Alternative Spring Break Retreatant
Mechanical Engineering Major
Offinso-Mpehin, Ghana



One important lesson I took away from the ASB trip was the definition of poverty. Who is a poor person? If a person lacks anything and a need or

wish is not fulfilled, then the person is poor. This realization was so powerful for me because it did not limit poverty to only the homeless. Helping the poor does not necessarily involve merely giving out food or shelter. Helping the poor also involves listening to the brokenhearted, spending time with the lonely, motivating the despondent, giving a hand to the occupied, and much more. The lessons from the ASB trip continue to drive my actions. I think it is useful for all Newman members to have this ASB experience. Such an experience would make our societies and the world more peaceful and make life worth living.



Sabastian Abelezele '20 and Ivan Suminski '18E entertain residents of an assisted living center during Alternative Spring Break.

Retreats

Sabrina Villanueva '20
Kairos XXXVI Retreat Rector
Optical Engineering Major
Dallas, Texas



Kairos is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We find ourselves not caring that we went without our phones all weekend, because for the first time in a really long time, we both listen to others and feel heard. From sitting

down and hearing the first talk to the very last small group, walls are broken, and doors are opened. We get so caught up in surviving the daily struggle that we forget to live and make relationships with people who are truly important. The relationships, friendships, and opportunities of this retreat open the doors for so many people to embrace their full potential and make lasting relationships with both God and their peers.



Sabrina Villanueva '20 leads a group of retreatants on the 36th Kairos Retreat.

Stephen Ministry

Agustín Díaz Herrero '20
Stephen Minister
International Relations Major
Mexico City, Mexico



I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to be a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are always available to lend an ear and accompany people through their experience.

This incredibly powerful program reminds people that they are never alone, and it reminds us as ministers to share our humanity with those who need someone to walk with them. I feel truly blessed and honored to be, along with my friends, a Stephen Minister because we have created a community of support, understanding, and caregiving.



Agustín Díaz Herrero '20 plays board and table games with other retreatants during Alternative Spring Break.

St. Sebastian Society

Marissa Russo '21

St. Sebastian Society Captain

*Brain and Cognitive Sciences Major
Sparta, New Jersey*



The Saint Sebastian Society at Newman has given me a small family that I could not be thankful enough to have. I am thankful for this group of individuals because we not only

share a love for sports, but we share a passion for God. We work together to do different service projects to help out and give to UR and the greater community of Rochester.



Marissa Russo '21 swings her bat as part of the University of Rochester Softball Team.



Choir members from past and present gather for Newman's 55th Anniversary Celebration, including a ceremony to honor all former music directors as well as distinguished alumni Eric Lobenstine '77 (MS), '81 (PhD), P'10, P'12 and Jeanne Beddoe '80, '88M (Res), P'10, P'12 (pictured first row, second and third from right).

Newman by the Numbers

Active Catholic Students	619
States Represented.....	39
Countries Represented.....	46
Academic Concentrations Represented	64
Youngest and Oldest	17 and 34
Shortest Distance Traveled to University of Rochester.....	Less than 1 mile (from Rochester, NY, United States)
Longest Distance Traveled to University of Rochester	9,433 miles (from Tyack, Savanne, Mauritius)
Most Popular Male Names	Andrew/John/Michael
Most Popular Female Names	Margaret/Emily/Hannah
Percentage of Catholics on Campus.....	Almost 30% (largest denomination among undergraduate faith denominations)



Senior Reflections

A Newman Tradition

Loïc Davy Kaze '19 (right) and 1,500 other graduates stand for the University's Commencement ceremony on May 19, 2019, on Eastman Quadrangle.



For two decades now, Newman has extended to seniors the opportunity to reflect on their Rochester experience in a public exhortation/speech to the congregation each Sunday during the Lenten and Easter seasons. In exclaiming fashion, nearly 160 students have given their testimony about their most vulnerable and intimate experiences with others and the divine. This year, eight seniors with a wide array of majors and extracurricular activities spoke from their hearts about their love for Christ and his message. Please find snippets from their talks below and be sure to watch the full-length videos on our YouTube channel, accessible through our website at www.urnewman.org.



Amanda Hornick '19

Biomedical Engineering Major
Andover, Massachusetts

"If we earnestly tend to our souls, with prayer and fasting and almsgiving; if we practice love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control, we can all bear spiritual fruit. That first failed test, rejection letter, or broken relationship is not the end of your life, just as your spiritual slip-ups should not be the end to your faith. No thing and no one can or should get in the way of your relationship with God. Relationships are hard, but if you develop them in ways that strive for goodness and openness and forgiveness, you will cultivate the soil of your faith, and one day that fig tree may grow fruit."



Patrick Forrestel '19

Chemistry Major
North Tonawanda, New York

"Today's Gospel also shows us that living as a Christian requires humility. It requires us to recognize that there is something more important in this world than just ourselves. Just as the once proud prodigal son went to his father to ask for forgiveness, so too are we called to humble ourselves before God and ask for God's mercy. And like his upset brother, we are called to let go of our inflated egos and be patient and merciful with others, especially when it is most difficult for us to do so."



Shannon Cahalan '19

Brain and Cognitive Sciences and Psychology Double Major
Camillus, New York

“Just as the woman in John’s gospel today, I was hardly a perfect Catholic Christian when I came to college. But joining the Newman Community and exploring my faith each week showed me that God and Jesus will always offer chances to grow beyond myself and become better than I was the day before.”



Serena Labrecque '19

Geology Major
Endwell, New York

“The Apostles were expecting a worldly kingdom, but when they argue about who is ‘greater,’ Jesus says to them, ‘Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant,’ and also, ‘I am among you as the one who serves.’ See, Jesus’s kingdom isn’t on Earth, and it isn’t about material wealth or success. It’s something that even death can’t end. The Apostles thought that, Good Friday—that was it. Jesus was gone, and everything was over. But it wasn’t. Because after Good Friday comes Easter Sunday, and we all know what happens on Easter, right?”



David Marshall '19

Music Major
Oakwood, Ohio

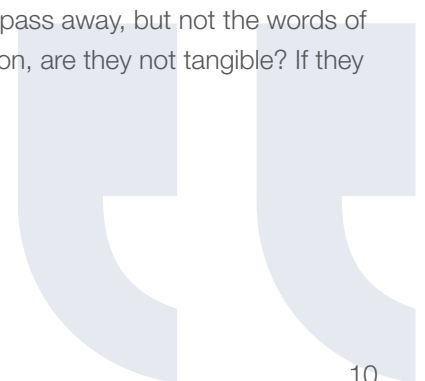
“Rather than starting with the question of how do I live authentically (decision making, etc.), we must first discern, who am I authentically—who did God make me to be? When Jesus washes the disciples’ feet, he is showing his recognition of them. Of course, Jesus already knows who we are, but we need to know that he recognizes and loves us—every part of us.”



Griffin Cunningham '19

Religion Major
Waterbury, Vermont

“We use categories to tell us where and when we are, what to do, and what not to do. And they are the avenues through which we encounter compassion, but we cannot mistake those categories as eternally inconsequential. If heaven and earth will pass away, but not the words of Jesus, are those words not without limit, are they not compassion, are they not tangible? If they aren’t, we need to spend more time in the empty tomb.”





John Rossiter '19

Business Major
Parker, Colorado

"I found in Newman a community that helps me live out the faith. The Church is Peter's rock, like an immovable and immutable island in the stream. If we cling to it, we won't be swept away. Above all, my experience here has taught me to have courage! You are not alone, and we need to help each other stand up for our faith. Until Christ's Kingdom comes, there will be plenty more martyrs to be struck down by the evils in this world. It makes me think of Pope St. John Paul II's famous words, 'Be not afraid!' Even on our darkest days, when we feel alone, and when we have sinned, Christ tells us as he tells Thomas, to believe, and to fear not, because his mercy endures forever."



John Lisi '19

Biomedical Engineering Major
Camillus, New York

"The truth is that I don't walk over here to the chapel every Sunday for anyone else, not the Catholic Church, and no, not even Father Cool. We should go to Mass for the purpose of strengthening our own personal relationships with God and that can never be damaged. Even the strongest of man-made structures are built with some inherent weakness, no matter how small. And for this reason, we as people and that which we build will always be vulnerable to corruption and faults, as we have seen all too recently in the Catholic Church. But I believe that the true test is how we choose to grow from this, damaged or stronger?"



Gumball Gala



Alternative Spring Break Trip to Frenchville, Pennsylvania



Kairos XXXV



Newman Anniversary Mass

Student Leaders

Students gather to celebrate the Newman Anniversary Celebration during 2018 Meliora Weekend: from left to right, Marcos Nascimento dos Santos '20, Basil Gaji '22, César Febres-Cordero Loyola '21, James Yarberry '18, and Sabastian Abelezele '20.



71 Leaders Strong

Sabastian Abelezele '20
Ryan Algier '21
Samantha Aube '20
Anapaula Avila '22
Michaela Barry '21M (MD)
Caroline Benec '21
Nathaniel Brunacini '22
Joseph Bumpus '22
Shannon Cahalan '19
Michael Chavrimootoo '20
Eric Ciocci '22
Griffin Cunningham '19
Seth Dalton '20
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Jeremy Deniega '18
Agustín Díaz Herrero '20
Jack Dippolito '22
Sheila Doll '19
Livio Fasullo '19E
Brian Filipiak '20
Margaret Flaum '22
Patrick Forrestel '19
Basil Gaji '22
Henry Gardner '22

Araceli Gonzalez '20
Magdalena Granados '19
Raul Andres Guevara-Torres '19 (PhD)
Dominick Harasimiuk '21
Patrick Hill-Junke '21
An Ho '20
Amanda Hornick '19
Brenna James '20
Aidan Kendra '20
Kevin Kovach '22
Serena Labrecque '19
Desmond Lai '22
Nathan Leopold '20
Mcvvina Lin '19
John Lisi '19
David Marshall '19
Kudzai Mbinda '22
Tucker McKeown '19
Alydia Meinecke '21
Shannon Murty '22
Marcos Nascimento dos Santos '20
Brandon Nguyen '21
Alexander Nick '22E
Solumtochukwu Nwabunwanne '22 (PhD)

Austin Nzige-Nyambok '21
Lucas Piontek '22
William Potter '20
Sarah Pursell '20
José Quintero Jr. '20
Joseph Rende '22
David Rieth '20
Daniel Ro '20
Marissa Russo '20
Trevor Scott '21E
Justin Sennyondo '22
Brendan Shamieh '20
Yawo Siatitse '20
Christophe Simpson '19
Anastasia Taleck '22
Michael Taylor '21
Miles Titzer '21
Maryfrances Umeora '22
Grace Umerani '21
Paige Van Haute '21
Sabrina Villanueva '20
Mary Vuong '22
Jean Wolfs '18

Fall Events

Alumni, parents, students, friends, and former staff reminisce about their experiences during the Newman Anniversary Celebration: from left to right, Jean Kovach P'22, John Kovach P'22, Kevin Kovach '22, and Sr. Joan Sobala, S.S.J. (staff member from 1971–78 and 1982–86).



Visit our website for more events and activities at www.urnewman.org/calendar.

ORIENTATION EVENTS

Wednesday, August 21–Monday, September 9

Let us welcome first years and upperclass students!

Below events held in the Interfaith Chapel:

- Jenga Night, Monday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.
- Mass, Sunday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- InstaMass, Wednesday, September 4 at 9 p.m.
- Newman Nite, Thursday, September 5 at 6 p.m.
- Rosary Group, Thursday, September 5 at 7:15 p.m.
- Adoration and Taizé Prayer, Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m.
- Evening Prayer/Meditation, Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m.

MEDICAL CENTER GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS

August–September

Join fellow graduate students at the Medical Center for some activities co-sponsored by the Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.

- Medical Center Student Mass (followed by lunch), Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m. (Interfaith Chapel)
- Medical Center Student Wine Tour, Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. (off-campus)

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Sunday, September 8

Come and join us in the Interfaith Chapel for some good fun and food after both the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses!

KAIROS RETREAT

Friday, September 20–Sunday, September 22

Join fellow students for the 37th Newman Kairos Retreat—a fun and reflective weekend to reflect on Jesus and his message (off-campus).

MELIORA WEEKEND: 90 YEARS OF CATHOLICISM ON CAMPUS

Saturday, October 5–Sunday, October 6

Join fellow University alumni, parents, and friends for one of two celebratory Masses commemorating 90 Years of Catholicism on campus, held on October 5 at 5 p.m. and October 6 at 9:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Mass followed by brunch at 11 a.m.). **For more details and to register, visit www.rochester.edu/melioraweekend.**

CANONIZATION OF JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN

Sunday, October 13

Join us and others around the world as we celebrate our patron becoming a saint with Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., held in the Interfaith Chapel.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Friday, November 1

Join students, staff, and faculty for this Holy Day of Obligation, held in the Interfaith Chapel at 12:30 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9

Join students, staff, and faculty for this feast day, held in the Interfaith Chapel at 12:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Tuesday, December 24

Join us at 6 p.m. in the Interfaith Chapel to celebrate Christ's birth. A reception will follow the Mass.

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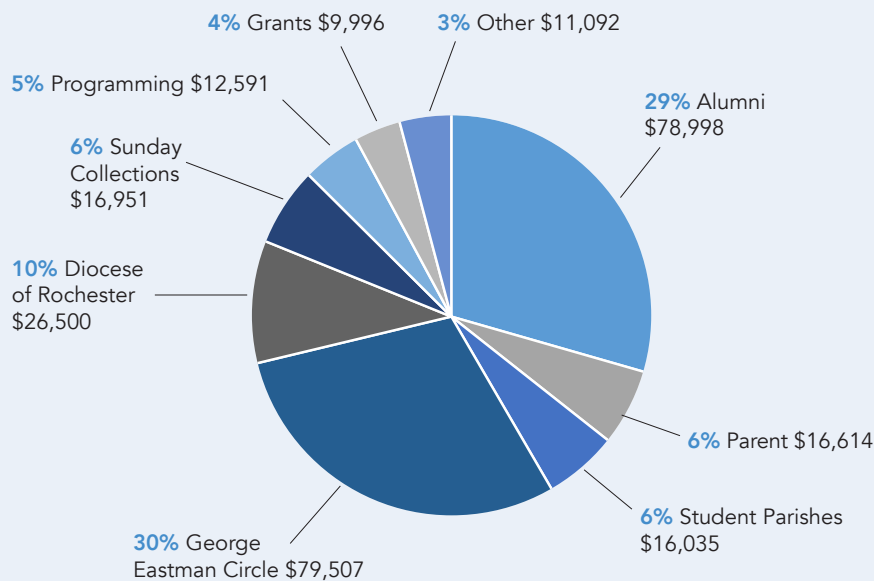
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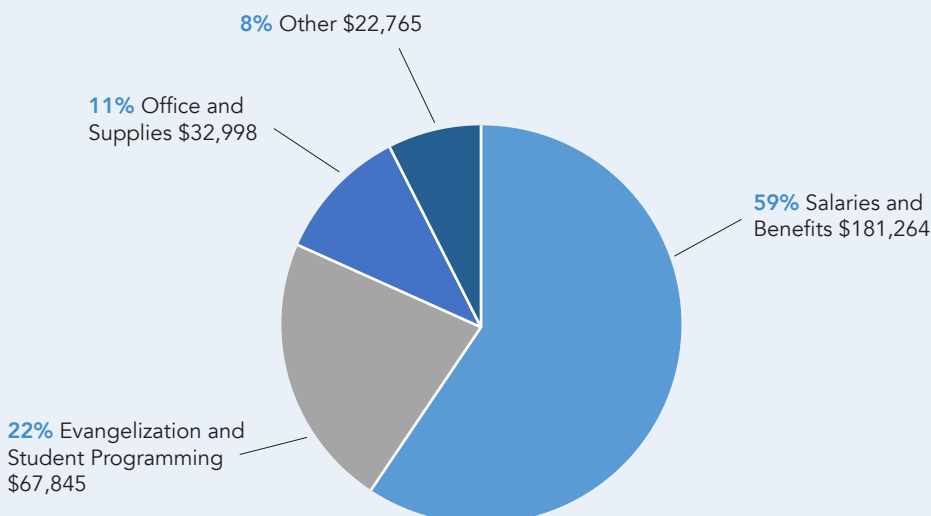
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