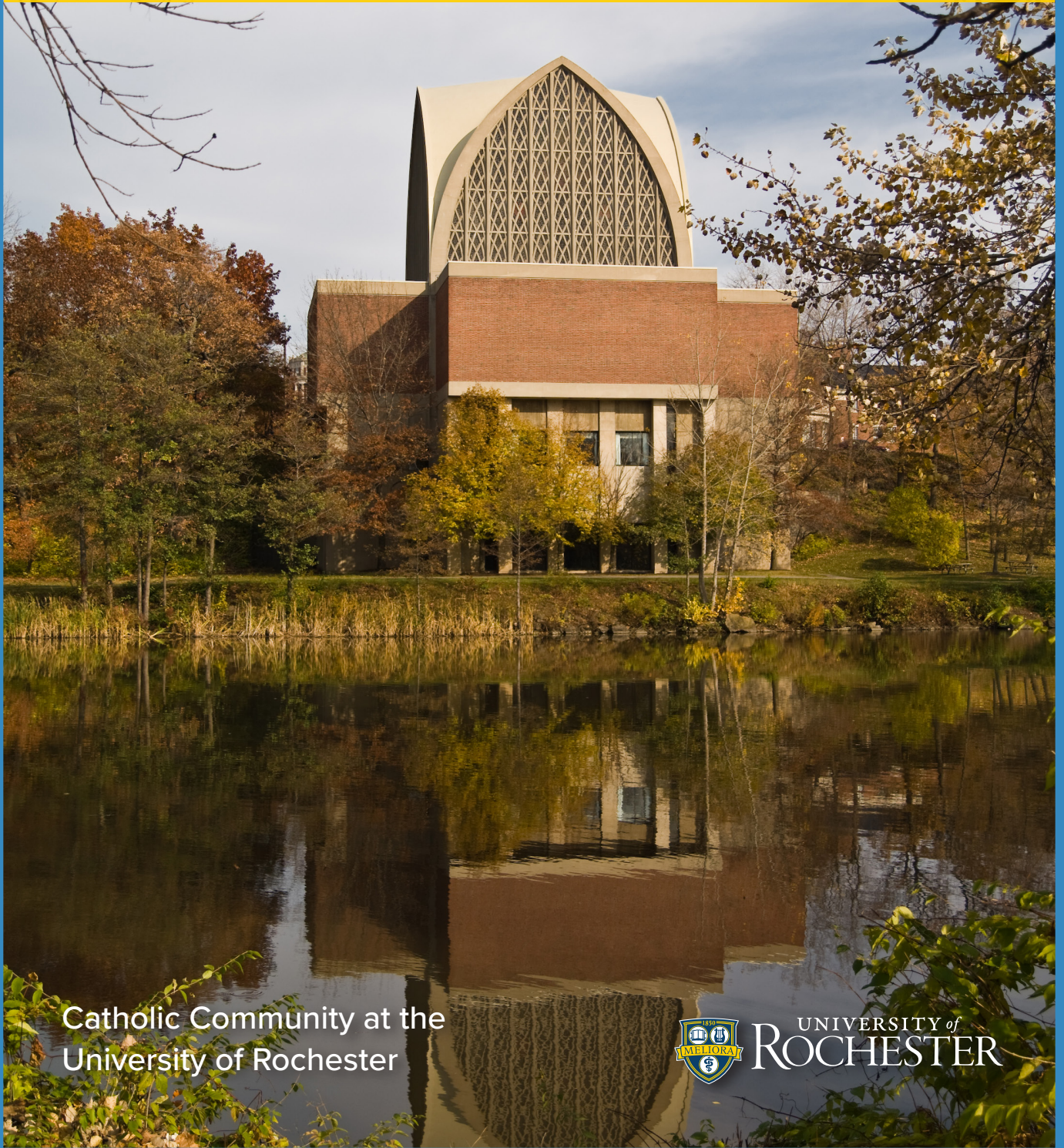


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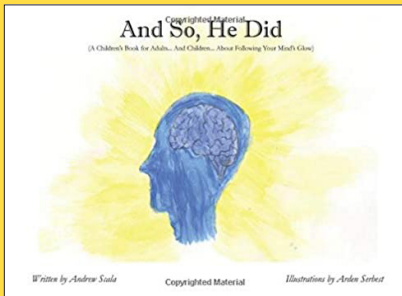


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## Recognizing Two of Our Own!



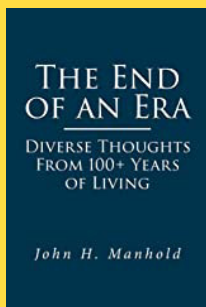
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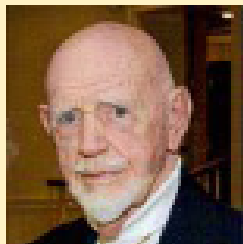
A huge congratulations to Andrew Scala '11 who just published his first book this past September! Entitled *And So, He Did: A Children's Book for Adults . . . And Children . . . About Following Your Mind's Glow*, it deals with a young boy's struggle to make his path in life, even against some impossible odds. Thank you, Andrew, for imbuing our world with a little hope and joy with this fantastic text!



***To purchase this book, scan the QR code above.***



*The End of an Era: John Manhold '41*



Additionally, Newman recognizes one of its Building Project donors, John Manhold '41, as he releases his wildly exciting autobiography, *The End of an Era: Diverse Thoughts From 100+ Years of Living!* This book focuses on John's immense life, full of love, laughter, occupations, and pastimes. Thank you, John, for accomplishing another great feat with the release of this scintillating text!



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# Cool Thoughts

Within this Annual Report, truly it gives me great joy to share with you the incredible resiliency and growth that the students we serve have experienced over this past year and beyond. Given the pandemic and all the restrictions on campus, it was hard—very hard! Nevertheless, through the last 18 months of frightening days, our students came to Christ on Sundays and in so many other ways that would make you proud. Additionally, it gives me great pleasure to thank you and many like you who know the importance of Catholic life at the University of Rochester and support the Newman Community’s daily ministry. Above all, I have great hope as I share with you that we have only just begun! Because of your efforts, Newman is positioned for even greater things in the years ahead. And for the first time in our over 60-year history, we are in a position for expansion because of your generosity and the over 70 student leaders we have working to bring students to Christ and the Church. These efforts and your kindness will not only continue to make Newman ministry grow, but soon bring about the long dreamed and talked about Catholic Newman Center and Chapel.

It all begins with our students. And this too is growing! Newman is the largest religious denomination on campus and one of the most robust ministry programs in the country. On August 18, the amazing Class of 2025

arrived on campus. They are the largest first-year class in University of Rochester history with some 1,450 strong (not to mention another 130 students from Eastman’s Class of 2025)! Fittingly, they are also one of the largest Catholic classes of students when they come through the Interfaith Chapel doors in a few weeks’ time. The Newman Class of 2025 already numbers over 200 first-years registered, with more set to register once classes start. This takes the total number of registered Catholic students we engage to over 800, and of course we serve so many more.

**A Place to Pray, A Place to Gather, and A Place to Grow** is indeed what Newman embodies in so many ways. It is a fitting slogan for our building campaign and for all that Newman does. With you and your sacrifices, Newman will meet not only the challenges set before us, but as this last year has shown, we will ascend to the greatest of heights. Because of you, the students we serve and who experience the great joy, great pleasure, and great hope we know today will only grow higher.

**Rev. Brian C. Cool '06W (MS) '21W (EdD)**

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

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### Fundraising Statistics

- \$6M Total Project
- \$5M for the building
- \$1M for maintenance endowment
  
- \$4.54M Raised to Date
- \$3.78M raised towards building
- \$1.5M lead gift
- \$2.28M in supporting gifts
- 70+ donors to date
- \$756K raised towards endowment

# Catholic Newman Center Update

Fr. Brian C. Cool

As I have said often, I pinch myself at the opportunity before us! I also know that the Holy Spirit is guiding this project to build a Catholic Chapel/Center on a private secular University. Only could the Holy Spirit give us the opportunity; provide an amazing parcel of land; find a lead donor and other donors who followed him; and bring us to the 75% threshold of our fundraising goal. And it is the Holy Spirit who has now positioned us to invite all Newman alumni, parents, and friends to get behind this historic project.

In the next couple of months, the Newman Community and the University will

- Receive formal approval from the University of Rochester Board of Trustees Committee on Facilities and Campus Planning

- Complete the 50-year Memorandum of Understanding, which has no obstacles for dynamic Catholic life
- Hire an architect to create schematic designs and detailed costs
- Hire a liturgical consultant for designing the Catholic Chapel for Mass and perpetual prayer for students
- Identify donors for remaining naming opportunities and permanent gifts
- Embark on a broad-based public phase of the building campaign to bring us beyond our goals!

None of this would be possible if not for the Holy Spirit and all of YOU! So please join me in a prayer which is ancient and so very appropriate for what the Spirit can and will do for generations.

### **Prayer for a Catholic Center**

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.*

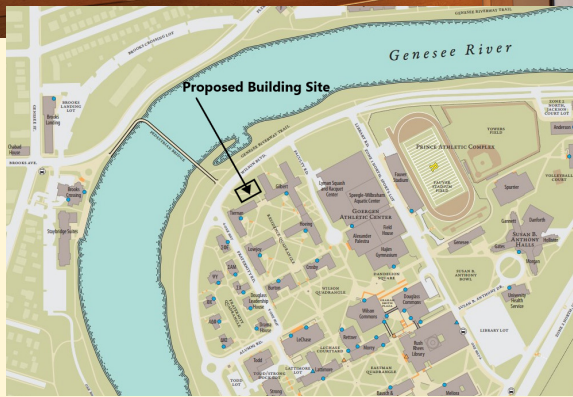
*And you will renew the face of the earth.*

*Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.*

*In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*May the Holy Spirit bless and protect you and  
your family, our students, the University, and  
the world.*



# A Place to Play A Place to Gather A Place to Grow



Hugh Rider Jr.

“Building a Catholic Newman Center would mean having a uniquely Catholic space to develop my faith on campus, as well as a place where we can continue to grow as a community. It also presents incredible opportunities for a shared building which the whole student body could benefit from and learn about our faith.”

*Hugh Rider Jr. '22 (Political Science)*



Michelle Sandoval Siman

“Having a Catholic Newman Center on campus will give us a proper space where we can enjoy the Catholic community we’ve created, allow it to grow further, and turn to when we miss our families or feel lonely.”

*Michelle Sandoval Siman '22 (Business)*



Agustín Díaz Herrero

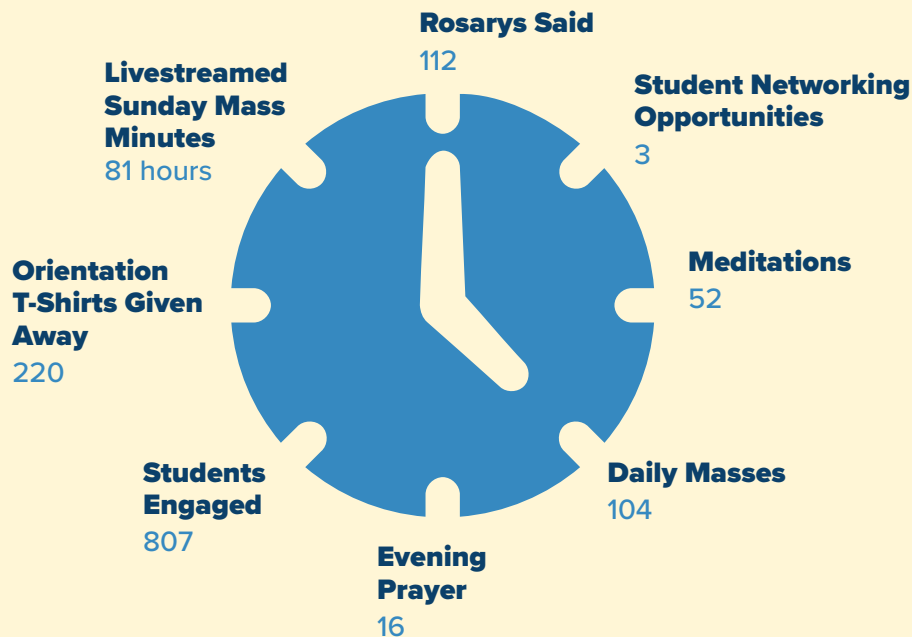
“The presence of a Catholic Newman Center on campus is a testimony of the commitment to the safety and care offered to us students in all aspects of our lives. It provides not only a visible physical space for us to gather, but also an appropriate place for us to go when circumstances in our life requires us to take a step back from our duties and reflect. It gives us the chance to come back to ourselves and seek advice, growth, and community.”

*Agustín Díaz Herrero '20 (International Relations)*



# Newman by the Numbers (2020–21)

Amidst the hardship, social distancing, and masking of a global pandemic, Newman answered the call and delivered one of the best Ministry experiences ever on a college campus! From Sunday Mass to Adoration, from Rosary to guided meditation, from lectures to giveaways, we did our best to have fun and become more adapting! A hearty thank you goes out to all of our students who not only make up this great community, but who displayed the mental resilience and flexibility to make this year what it was—spectacular and gifted by God’s great hope, love, and time!



“Any time you are feeling uncertain, indecisive, upset, or even joyful, confide in God, expose yourself, and let yourself become visible to the light, and the works of God will be made known not only when you need it but every day.”—*Alydia Meinecke '21*

“The first time I came to Newman, I did not expect to meet such a large group of people committed to their Christian faith and work and to the world around them. My experience of faith at college reminds me that we all should live our faith commitments in the public square, as Jesus died in the public square.”—*Daniel Busaba '21*

“We all can fulfill God’s calling in our lives by stepping beyond ourselves to do good for others and solve problems for the good of humanity.”—*Dominick Harasimiuk '21*

“I had a couple teammates who attended mass regularly and would offer for me to join them from time to time. With their encouragement I began to attend Sunday evening masses weekly the fall of my sophomore year.”

—*Jen Carson '21*

“I think we can all hear this voice when we come here and see the passion, the warmth, the friendship, and the kindness in people like Sr. Leandra, Alex Nick, or Father Cool, just to name a few. In my time here, I’ve never felt out of place. No matter how ugly my past week was with classes or how many weeks in a row I’ve skipped Mass or how I’m feeling about the status of my faith, they always welcome me—and all of us—with open arms”—*Trevor Scott '21*

## Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



Left to right: Alydia Meinecke, Anthony Gurunian, Daniel Busaba, Katherine Barker, Paige Van Haute, Dominick Harisimiuk

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# A Word from the Back Office

Wow—what a year for sure! This past academic year, including the few months beforehand, has been more than historic—it has been life-changing in every possible way. From mask mandates to social distancing to the increasing role of science, data, and responsible health care in our everyday lives to governmental intervention, social protests, and close

elections, we have surely seen it all. However, are we better off for it? Have we as a Catholic

community, a university, a nation, and a global society changed our behavior for the better, living in resiliency and perseverance—have we positioned ourselves to become more responsible stewards for our neighbors (regardless of race, religion, or background) and the world? As Christians we believe in the continual renewal and formation of our divinely created conscience and our milieu to truly make the world *ever better*. So, yes!

I am reminded here of my great friend in text and former professor, Rev. Robert J. Schreiter, C.P.P.S., who was a prolific author on the idealism and necessity of creating a new sense of universalism amongst our often divisive populations, nations, and cultures—or as he called it, “a new catholicity”: “Living in a globalized world, where time and space have been compressed, where those who have and those who have not are driven further apart, a truly intercultural way of doing theology between the global and local is required of us.” As an alumnus of this great University and a current staff member of an organization that seeks to create a sense of inclusion, charity, and acceptance every day, I can truly say that what Schreiter states is not only required of our Church, but of the entire

world around us. To be responsible citizens of our global humanity mandates that we act as sister and brother to all, providing the benefit of the doubt, offering a helping hand, and creating opportunities for life to multiply and flourish in a variety of ways.

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All of you have served as witnesses to the mission of our community to showcase to the world what *Meliora* and the Gospel are all about. By supporting our students, those future leaders who will embark

upon distinct journeys, creating new opportunities for love, service, hope, and joy, you too are channeling the teachings of Christ himself—offering others a chance at not only happiness, but genuine dignity, integrity, and honor.

Thus, through your generosity this past year, even amidst the tumult that was life for a long while (and who knows how long into our future), you have provided Newman and its students an archetype of Christlike values and actions. On behalf of everyone here at Newman, I thank you for believing and preaching “a new catholicity” that will solidify our futures as Christians and world citizens, one emulated daily in word and sacrament, through our ministry and activity, right here at Rochester!

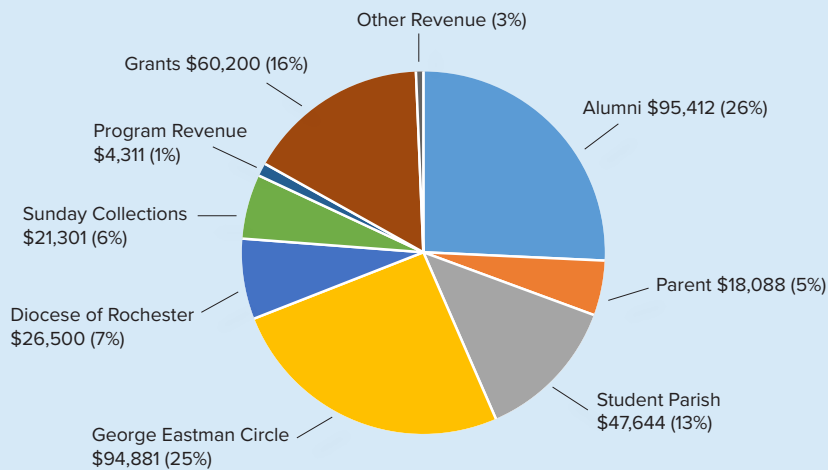
May God bless you and we thank you once more!

**Andrew Nicholas Cirillo '12**  
Campus Minister for Advancement

# Financial Report

Year-End Fiscal Results  
July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

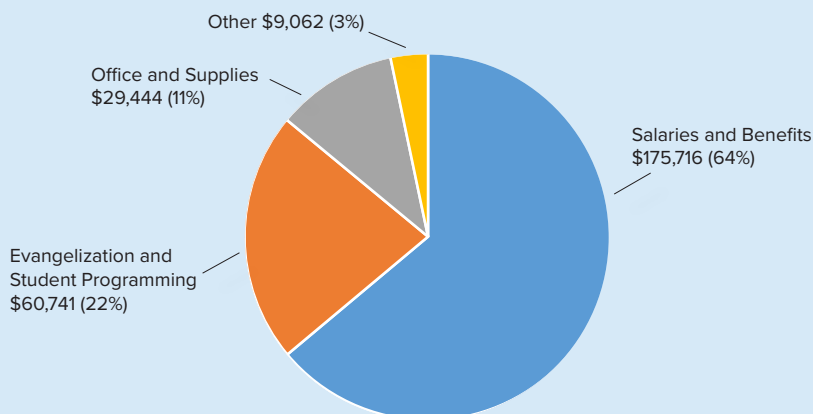
## 2020–2021 Operating Income: \$370,755



\*Income includes \$85,000 in Paycheck Protection Program funds and a onetime grant of \$7,500 from the Paychex Charitable Foundation.

Nearly 70 percent of our annual income comes from alumni, parents, and friends. Just 3 percent of our income comes from the University.

## 2020–2021 Operating Expenses: \$274,963



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# Day of Giving #Success

Thanks to all of you, Newman has achieved greatness once again while participating in the University's annual Day of Giving this past May 5! Combined with the incredible generosity of **Kyle '06, '12S (MBA)** and **Meghan '06 Struble** and **The Smiley Family Charitable Foundation**, you managed to raise nearly \$80,000 in funds directed toward ministry, the sacraments, and leadership programming for some 1,600 Catholic students! Thank you, and please review some of the wonderful testimonials that our young alumni shared with us on the occasion of this monumental day!



**Christopher Bonino '02, '03 (MS)**

"I was a part of the Newman Center during my time in Rochester—it kept me grounded during the hectic times as a student and also helped me grow in my faith."



**J. J. González '11**

"You know, going to college so far away from home in Texas, it was a little daunting to find a support system. But I found it in Fr. Cool and . . . that lasted through my Take 5, through law school, through running a business, and being in my early thirties."



**Valeria Lopez-Aldaco '14**

"For me, Newman was truly a 'home away from home.' It allowed me to strengthen my faith, deepen my relationship with my sister, and . . . create those lifelong, lasting memories and friends that I still have today."



**Andrew Scala '11**

"Whether it was through InstaMass or Newman Nites or Mass on Sundays with the beautiful music the choir put on, Kairos Retreats, or just hanging out with Fr. Cool, Newman became an integral part of my college experience and . . . many of my fondest memories revolve around Newman."



**Katelyn Seliskar '11, '12W (MS)**

"While the University helped shape my mind with academics, Newman helped sculpt my heart by providing meaningful experiences to build friendships with my peers and with God."

## Newman Alumni Ordained

Newman would like to recognize two of our outstanding alumni and past participants on their recent ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood, respectively!

Rev. Steven Lewis studied computer science and mathematics and graduated from the University of Rochester in 2000. He entered the seminary in 2014. On June 5, 2021, Fr. Lewis was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood by Bishop Salvatore Matano and will serve as parochial vicar of Blessed Trinity and St. Patrick Parish in Owego, New York, part of the Diocese of Rochester.

Additionally, Rev. Alexandra "Sasha" Billow, a graduate of the University of Rochester in 2007, studying French and Spanish, was ordained to the Episcopalian diaconate on June 26, 2021, and will continue studying toward the priesthood in the following year. Deacon Billow was ordained by Bishop Kimberly Lucas of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

Congratulations and Meliora!



### Join Us for Sunday Mass Online!

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**Brennan '10, '11S (MBA), Vanessa,  
and Maxwell Mulcahey**

# GEORGE EASTMAN CIRCLE

“The Newman Community at the University of Rochester played an important role during my time as a student and continues to positively impact our family’s growth in faith. Newman provides students a unique place to build on their faith and foster lifelong values. The George Eastman Circle’s multi-year gift provides financial stability that enables Newman’s ongoing mission, and we are proud to support Newman as GEC members.”



Join over 75 others in making a lasting, multi-year, George Eastman Circle commitment to the Newman Community—one that allows us to sustain our ministry and programming for over 1,600 Catholic students annually!

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