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As we strive to build a strong, vibrant, and sustainable Catholic Newman Community at the University of Rochester, it is important to have a blueprint for the future. With the Catholic Newman Community Advisory Board's approval, we are embarking on a bold 18-month strategic initiative. It is both ambitious and transformative. Here is an overview of our goals for the next 18 months at Newman:

Faith & Evangelization: The Bishops of the United States have called all Catholics to consider the importance of the Eucharist in our communities. The Year of the Eucharist will therefore accompany the expansion of our Kairos Retreat, the rejuvenation of the Eastman School of Music leadership team and building a Graduate student ministry. Finally, as we build a Catholic Center on campus, we are creating a partnership with students at The Catholic University of South Sudan to help establish a Newman ministry with our sisters and brothers in one of the newest countries in the world.

Leadership and Student Engagement: For generations, the heart of Newman pulsates through its dedicated Chaplains. Honored to serve the gifted young minds and hearts who will be tomorrow's leaders, we are always looking to meet the growing needs of a new generation of Catholic leaders. This requires ensuring staff roles resonate with our mission and that all activities impact students daily. We remain steadfast in our mission to inspire, engage, and elevate every soul that graces our community. We will guide and empower our staff and student leaders to new heights

unimaginable just 5 years ago. One aspect of this, will be to enhance the collaborative efforts between the University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology Catholic Newman Communities. Building on students' desire (and need) to make friends, we will maintain strong individual identities but collaborate within areas of our ministry from finance to programming.

Mission Advancement: With our Catholic Chapel and Center well underway, design activities proceeding, we are moving to complete construction documents in anticipation of final University Trustee approval. As this incredible and historic project crosses the finish line, we seek to raise \$500k-\$1M by June 2024, to meet construction and building endowment goals to complete this cash project.

While our strategic vision is focused on providing programs and support for all the students we serve, we need to strengthen the infrastructure that secures this goal. As you know, Newman must raise 85% of our annual budget each year to support all aspects of our student-centered ministry. Through our Chaplain's Appeal, George Eastman Circle Memberships, Lenten Appeal, and annual Day of Giving we must raise \$242,000 to support our annual budget. Our collaboration with the University has never been stronger, as evidenced by our historic Catholic Chapel and Center building project. This year, working with the University, we will reduce production and mailing costs which allowing staff to provide more direct student ministry.

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As we journey through the next 18 months, Newman's blueprint embodies a holistic blend of faith, leadership, and sustainable community growth. Guided by these pillars, we remain steadfast in our mission to inspire, engage, and elevate every soul that graces our community.

Peace,

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

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Director of Catholic Newman Community Pastoral Care*

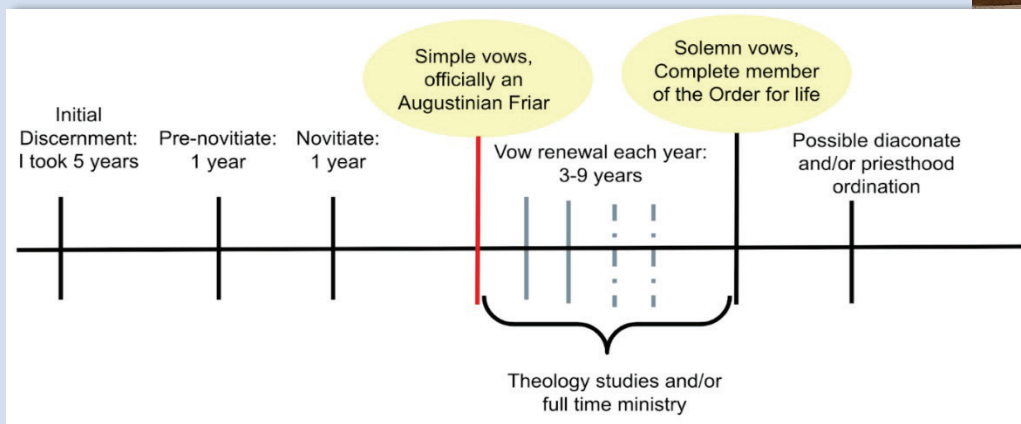
Newman Vocations

David Marshall '19: An Augustinian Journey

In the hallowed halls of religious history, few orders carry the weight and legacy of the Order of Saint Augustine. Founded in 1256, it has seen countless individuals dedicate their lives to its principles and service. This year, University of Rochester alum and Columbus, Ohio native, **David Marshall '19** chose to follow the path of Augustine by announcing his intention and taking vows to become a Friar in this esteemed order. Fr. Brian Cool and Sr. Leandra Kosmoski, SSJ were both delighted to be able to participate in the occasion, which was marked by a special mass on Saturday, August 5, 2023, in Chicago, Illinois.

This milestone in David's journey is not just about the vows taken but represents the culmination of David's novitiate year and the commencement of his life as a professed Augustinian Friar. At this ceremony David was presented with the black Augustinian habit to wear for the first time. This attire, faithfully worn by Augustinians over the centuries, symbolizes David's commitment to "putting on the new man."

David's path to this day has been structured and demanding and he shared a schematic of the formation process which may one day lead to priesthood ordination. Expressing his gratitude and excitement, "This momentous occasion marks not just a personal milestone but also my dedication to a legacy that spans centuries." **David Marshall '19, N.O.S.A.**



Deacon Jacob Kasak '17: Journey to Priesthood



On March 25, 2023, his Excellency, Archbishop Thomas Gullickson, bestowed the Sacrament of Deaconate ordination upon **Deacon Jacob Kasak '17**. The ordination took place at the Chapel of Saints Peter and Paul, Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska. An accomplished alumnus of the Eastman School of Music, **Deacon Jacob Kasak, '17**, is a devoted member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP).

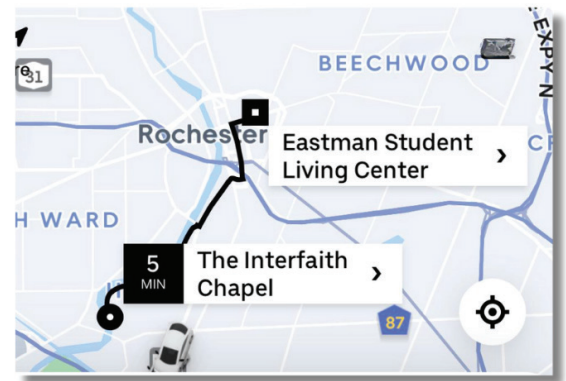
In this sacred chapel, Jacob was ordained to the diaconate, marking a momentous step in his spiritual journey towards priesthood ordination. As a dedicated member of the FSSP, a clerical Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right, Deacon Jacob shares mission within the Catholic Church, under the solemn authority of the Holy See.

As **Deacon Jacob Kasak '17** and **Friar David Marshall '19** move forward in their religious vocations, we kindly request that you remember them in your prayers.

100 Miles Becomes 3

Beginning in the Spring 2023 semester, Newman began to offer free Uber rides to students at the Eastman School of Music to attend Catholic mass and student programs on the River Campus. This new opportunity, supported by alumni and parents, bridges the geographical gap between the two campuses. In many ways, while only three miles, the gap can feel like a hundred when balancing musical performances, practice and the intensive juries experienced by Eastman students. The challenge of the bus schedule, which can take more than 20 minutes and doesn't coordinate well with the scheduling of Sunday mass is an added difficulty. Utilizing Uber removes a significant barrier for the students to attend mass and Newman events! Apart from attendance at mass and Newman events, our faith community is enriched by the Eastman students that participate on a regular basis now. And many new friendships have been nurtured, creating a faith filled environment and a sense of belonging for all.

Eastman Rides To Mass



The Basilian Human Development Assistance Grant Received

The Newman Community at the University of Rochester has been awarded a \$2,500 Basilian Human Development Assistance Grant to support justice and peace initiatives. This grant bolsters Newman's Crossways program, aimed at empowering marginalized youth in Rochester through character education, tutoring, sports, mentorship, and promoting the value of higher education. The program not only emphasizes lifelong learning but also offers participants enhanced career opportunities, paving a brighter future for them and their communities.



The Paychex Charitable Foundation Grant Received



Thanks to generous a \$7,500 grant from the Paychex Charitable Foundation,

Newman is also excited to train and deploy 35 University of Rochester student volunteers as tutors and mentors for service at the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. In addition to weekly tutoring and mentoring sessions during the academic year, volunteers lead a summer immersion program on the River Campus to bridge educational gaps, inspire a love for learning, boost self-confidence, and provide opportunities for personal growth for youth who may

be economically and educationally disadvantaged. The initiative highlights the power of collaboration, community involvement, and promoting equity while creating a brighter future for all.

Newman has partnered with Paychex for the past two years to provide this important mentoring and tutoring programs. The grant provides essential funding while demonstrating the commitment of Paychex and Newman to a shared mission of empowering underserved youth through education. With the ongoing support of Paychex, Newman will have an extraordinary impact on the students we serve, and those students served by our students!

John Parrinello '60, UR Athletic 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee

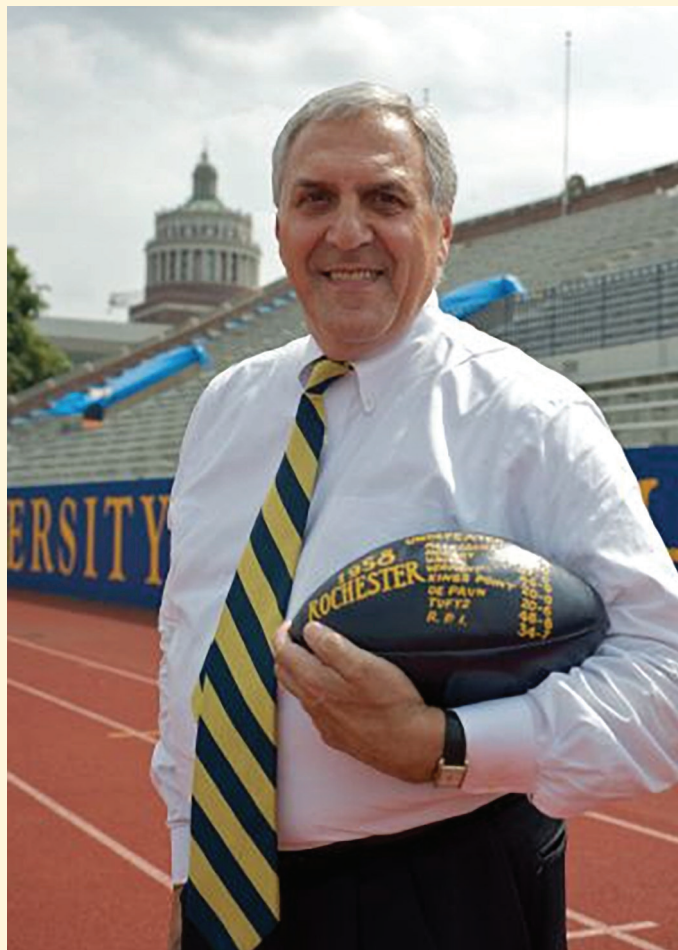
The Catholic Newman Community celebrates the induction of **John Parrinello '60** into the University of Rochester 2023 Hall of Fame class. As a former student-athlete and a prominent figure in the legal field, John Parrinello has left an indelible mark at the University, the city of Rochester and the Catholic Newman Community.

During his three-year career with the Rochester Yellowjackets, Parrinello accumulated nearly 2,000 career rushing yards and over 30 touchdowns, establishing himself as one of the most dominant players in the program's history. His leadership and dedication contributed to an undefeated 1958 season, a milestone that remains unparalleled.

Beyond his athletic achievements, Mr. Parrinello is the Founder and Attorney of Parrinello Law Firm, a respected figure in criminal defense litigation, personal injury, and various legal domains. He is also a retired U.S. Marine Corps Captain and has been recognized as one of New York's top attorneys.

John '60 and **Diane '61 (Davies) Parrinello's** love story actually began over 6.5 decades ago, when Newman Chaplain Fr. Hedges encouraged Diane to return a picture of her future husband following a sports banquet in 1959. Fr. Hedges would later renew their marriage vows as they remained lifelong friends.

A loving husband and father, John has many University of Rochester roots, including **Diane '61** and sons **Gregory '85 '87**, **Timothy '91** and **Matthew '93**. John and Diane also have a daughter **Bethany '90** Geneseo and 16 grandchildren.



Meliora Weekend 2023



Luci Izzo

A New Beacon of Engagement

The Catholic Newman Community is thrilled to welcome its newest volunteer, Luci Izzo, to the fold. Luci's arrival marks a significant milestone in the Community's journey towards enhancing alumni and parent relationships. Her vast wealth of experience promises to bring new possibilities with those so dear and critical to Catholic life at Rochester and the students we serve. Luci Izzo joins the Catholic Newman Community after an illustrious professional career focused in Sales and Fundraising.

Most recently, she spent the last ten years of dedicated service at the University of Rochester Advancement Office where she made an indelible mark in the office of institutional development. Prior to her tenure in higher education, she spent a successful 40 years in the private sector where half those years were at Eastman Kodak Company.

Having relocated to the Midwest then onto the East Coast for 20+ years, Luci was able to fashion her incredible relationship-building, communication, and strategic planning skills—attributes that are invaluable in her new role with us. Fr. Cool states, "Luci has been an incredible friend and co-worker in her time with the University. Her efforts to assist Newman now to grow higher and do even more, is simply a gift from God." What makes Luci's transition to the Catholic Newman Community particularly compelling is her commitment to strengthening the bonds between the institution and its alumni and parents through the lens of our Catholic faith.

She understands the importance of maintaining these connections long after students have graduated and the importance of faith for young people today. "We are blessed that Luci sees, understands, and supports wholeheartedly the mission of the Church on Campus." Luci is poised to help increase a robust stewardship program that will engage others committed to the same goals. One of Luci's

primary responsibilities at the Catholic Newman Community will be to enhance communication with alumni and parents. In an age where staying connected is more important than ever, Luci's background uniquely positions her to spearhead initiatives that foster meaningful relationships and interactions. She knows that an engaged alumni and parent community is essential for the vitality of any institution.

One immediate area of focus will be on efforts to strengthen membership in the George Eastman Circle, the University of Rochester's annual giving society. This prestigious society has played and continues to play a pivotal role in supporting the Catholic Newman Community's mission on Campus with students.

Luci's ties to our Catholic faith runs deep, as she has been a lifelong Catholic. Hailing from Rochester, NY, Luci resides in Webster with her husband, Ray, a retired Brighton High School teacher. Their shared commitment to education, community involvement, our Catholic faith, and the Catholic Newman Community underscores their passion for making a positive impact on the world around them.

Join us in welcoming Luci to the Catholic Newman Community family. If you have any insights on how we can support this effort or would be willing to share your own experience of why Newman is special to you and your family, please drop her a note at lizzo@ur.rochester.edu.

With you, Luci is poised to become a leader in fostering a more engaged and connected Newman Community at the University of Rochester, ensuring a bright future for all!

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