



# Heart *Speaks to* HEART

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## Upcoming Events at Newman

### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Interfaith Chapel

### HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.  
at RIT

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

Veneration of the Cross 12:30p.m.  
Private Prayer, Sanctuary, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
at RIT

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil),  
April 8, 2023

8:00 p.m.  
Interfaith Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Interfaith Chapel

### LECTURE

THE EUCHARIST IN DOROTHY DAY'S  
INCARNATIONAL THEOLOGY

April 12, 2023

With Dr. Jack Downey, John Henry Newman  
Catholic Studies Chair, University of  
Rochester, at 7:00 p.m.

Interfaith Chapel River Level and livestream

### DAY OF GIVING

April 19, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER  
24 Hours Making a Difference

### BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 11, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Interfaith Chapel

Students wear your academic robes, celebrate  
your success, receive your senior gift and  
celebrate our faith.

### BACCALAUREATE COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

May 12, 2023

Celebrate the Class of 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
Fauver Stadium

Please see the University Schedule website



JUDITH JOHNSON O'BRIEN

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH ENDOWED LECTURE

THE EUCHARIST IN DOROTHY DAY'S  
INCARNATIONAL THEOLOGY



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12  
7:00 PM,  
INTERFAITH CHAPEL,  
RIVER LEVEL

**Jack Downey, PhD.**

John Henry Newman Professor of Roman Catholic  
Studies Professor of Religion and Classics

Livestream Available: [urnewman.org/streaming](http://urnewman.org/streaming)  
Reception to Follow

*The Judith Johnson O'Brien Endowed Lecture created in 2019 by  
University of Rochester President Emeritus Dennis and Judith O'Brien to provide  
lectures by a distinguished scholar on the subject of women in the Catholic Church or  
broadly, women in the world's religious and spiritual traditions.*

Catholic Newman Community  
Commencement Weekend 2019

**Baccalaureate Mass**

Thursday  
May 11, 2023  
5:15 PM  
Interfaith Chapel



# CoolThoughts



Some days I wonder what it would like to be Pope Francis. Don't get me wrong, I have zero desire to be Pope. Actually, I truly love what I do as a Campus Minister. I even find it hard to express the deep joy I have for the energy, passion, goodness and faith our students possess and share each and every day. It is inspiring.

My wonder comes simply from what it must take to organize a worldwide organization of over one billion Catholics all around the world. No doubt, the Church in each country faces significant challenges and has many real needs. The Pope must not only worry about them, but he must name them, and work to address them in real and substantive ways. And he must do so motivating others, like you, who are willing to lay down their lives to let Christ shine. He must find the resources, both human and financial, to build a spiritual response that reveals the love and divine presence of Jesus for those who seek him.

Fortunately, I am not the Pope! However, I am a leader of the Catholic Newman Community here at the University of Rochester. In this role I take seriously the same challenges of human and financial challenges as we build a spiritual community centered around Christ. I worry deeply about the students I serve. They have hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Increasingly, they face pain and confusion in a world with so many contrary voices. Above all, they have a deep and abiding faith that inspires me, as it would you, each day.

Every previous chaplain who has served here, Fr. Hedges, Fr. Lum, Fr. Tyman, Sr. Sue and Sr. Joan, Nathan and Sr. Jackie, (to name only a few) have guided our ministry for

more than 60 years! And like all those in the Universal Church, our students desire to know Christ and they seek a relationship with Him. With you, I hope to be able to make this relationship grow and become stronger. Like you, I In 2012 the University of Rochester awarded him know in it they will find strength, joy, hope along with the grace to confront all obstacles and become the person God creates them to be.

I wish you could see the 200 students at Mass each Sunday, the 20 that attend Instamass on Wednesday evening, the 40 encountering Jesus on Kairo, or those who humbly come to confession each week. I wish you could meet our 75 student leaders, and be inspired to see the over 300 who came for Ashes last week. They truly hunger for God.

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It is for them I join our Newman Advisory Board and members of the Building Committee to finish the very last hurdle in our building campaign. Soon our dynamic ministry will thrive in a truly Catholic building on the River Campus. While we will have challenges, we will meet them, present and future, with even greater confidence.

Pope Francis no doubt feels the stress of building a Church, as do I. However, with our Newman Advisory Board, Building Committee, the students I serve daily and with you, I am confident the Catholic ministry here at the University of Rochester is being touched by the spirit and our future, and the Church's future is bright.

Peace,

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

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



# Newman Students Seek

By Emiliano Flores '23

Over 17,000 students, 384 colleges, priests, deacons, and bishops all present to share with us the love of God and how amazing it is to be loved by Jesus. SEEK23 was beyond impactful and will always have an everlasting mark on my life. Personally, it was my first time ever going to SEEK. I was approached to attend the conference by Anapaula Avila '23, I did not think much of it. I thought "A Catholic conference? How great could it possibly be?"

Walking into the Dome, which turned out to be the St. Louis Rams' old stadium, the number of students who were on the same journey as us left me in awe. There we were at 8AM mass! We struggled to find seats as everything was filled to the brim and students reserving seats waving their giant University flags, truly a wonderful sight to see how many students came together to celebrate Mass. However, when the hundreds and hundreds of priests made their entrance towards the altar, it was mesmerizing, the beautiful music, the students praying, and deacons and bishops wearing their vestments. Definitely woke me up seeing the endless train of priests bowing at the altar.

After mass, it was time to choose our track between Making Missionary Disciples and Collegiate. Naturally, we chose the collegiate track. Men and women were split up and I think this was the most brilliant idea ever. The first speaker, world renowned and University of Mary President, Monsignor James P. Shea spoke on: Catholic Masculinity and the three lies we hear and believe as Men. You could physically feel that every single man in that room related to his talk and how impactful it was to hear his words. You could see the spines of young men stiffening as chills went down their back.

When he left the stage there was a moment of silence and then a standing ovation. I left that auditorium, stared at a blank space, and said "That was the most impactful talk I have ever heard in my life." Keeping up the "high" from the talk, we walked over to what were most looking forward to, Father Mike Schmitz, and this man can draw a crowd. The topic of his talk was centered around the working professional and how working for the weekend is harming humans and how we need to find purpose in the workplace. After our talks we made our way towards Mission Way, where you found hundreds of Catholic organizations,

businesses, non-profits, education, and much more. You could spend hours there and still not hit every booth!

The next day, I started with the second Men's Concurrent session. The best way to sum up that talk is to look at my notes from those mornings. The last note I have written for that talk is "go to confession NOW!". Matt Fradd spoke to us about the five rules that men needs to break, and how lust can kill your future marriage. As funny as he is, he struck a nerve with all listening to him. He ended his talk by saying "Don't bloody walk to confession, RUN!" and he walked off stage. From there a herd of young men ran to confession and the line was more than hours long after confession, Mat Fradd gave insightful talk about: How to win an argument without losing a soul:

Defending the Faith. His talk gave a truly insightful guide on how to have a productive discussion with people outside our Faith and with people who may think differently than us!

After the second day Keynote, was the most remarkable, beautiful, and riveting experience. Adoration. You may be



Over 17,000 college students attended Seek '23 in St. Louis, MO



## Remembering Bishop Matthew Clark



*Emi Flores '22, Annapaula Avila '22, Danny Kelly '24, Ayssia Lawson '24*

thinking about your adoration at home, maybe its silent prayer, maybe you light some candles. Yeah, throw all of that out the window. The Monstrance was brought in by a train of Priests and set the beautiful gold piece on the altar center of the stage. The venue shined beams of light at the Monstrance, and it truly look sent from God. After thirty minutes the same train of priests came in and took the monstrance and I thought "That was quick." Quickly I found out as the music began to play by the band, they were going to walk through the entire stadium to bring the monstrance to every single student. There were students gathered to kneel before the gift of God. That experience taught me what adoration was about. It's not about praying for yourself; it's about adoring Jesus and be thankful for His everlasting love for us

Our third day was sad but remarkable. Mass was breathtaking even as it was our last day but so grateful of all the love and excitement we had received. We met so many great people, supported Catholic organizations and business, went to pro-life talks, attended Fr. Mike's live podcast. Sadly, as SEEK came to an end, we enjoyed the musical stylings of Ben Rector who gave an amazing concert and a perfect end to the most inspiring three days of my life.



The Catholic Newman Community remembers with great affection, Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark who died Sunday, January 22, 2022 following a period of declining health. Clark was 85.

Bishop Clark was ordained a priest in 1962, became a bishop and was named the eighth Bishop of Rochester on June 26, 1979. He served for over 33 years until his resignation in 2012. In 2012, he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the University of Rochester. Bishop Clark was long known to support the missions of academic universities and had a special passion for campus ministry, often visiting campus yearly.

"Bishop Clark was one of the finest and most well-rounded individuals I have ever known: loving, prayerful, learned, engaging, lighthearted, well-spoken, forward-looking, interesting," observed University of Rochester alumnus, Father Joseph Hart, pastor of Brighton's St. Thomas More/Our Lady Queen of Peace parishes. Father Hart served as diocesan vicar general and moderator of the curia under Bishop Clark from 1998–2012.

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# Making the Vatican Ever Better

Upon receiving the O'Hern scholarship, Nate enrolled in a master's program at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum), in Rome. He arrived in February of 2021, marking the official beginning of his project. From the outset he adopted an anthropological approach, immersing himself in Vatican life, be it with his peers and professors at the Angelicum, through a part-time job at the Pontifical Council for Culture, or through simply building relationships with Bishops Vatican officials, from all across the world.



*Nathan Leopold '20 is received by Pope Francis, October 2022*

After a year of study, he identified one institutional mechanism, in particular, built into Canon Law, that he decided to focus on more specifically. He recognized the inspiring promise of the Ad Limina visits. In concept, every five years, on a rotating basis, every bishop in the world comes to Rome, to visit with the Holy Father, and the various dicasteries of the Holy See. These Ad Limina visits represent the summit of the relationship between the Holy Father, and the College of Bishops. At its best, it promotes

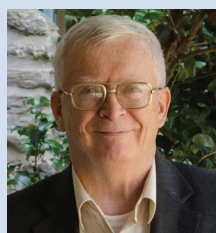
communion and collegiality for the Church Universal. Nate's interest lies in the contemporary experience of these visits. What value do they currently bring to the work of the Holy See? What value do they offer the particular churches? How can Rome serve as a clearinghouse for best practices, via these visits? What are the challenges to their effectiveness? What is the promise, yet to be unlocked?

It was this research that has garnered the attention of so many stakeholders in the Roman Curia, and of numerous ordinaries, across three countries. He continues this research, while also having the opportunity to apply his findings, within the context of his consultancy with the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

A member of the Class of 2020, he received a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, double-majoring in International Relations and Business, with a minor in Legal Studies. Nathan defended his groundbreaking thesis in Rome on February 12, 2023.

## Leading the Future

### A Leader Transforming the Future



When Francis Rasmus learned about our Catholic Chapel and Center Campaign, he knew he wanted to help even though he wasn't affiliated with our community. So he did what he does best when wanting to make a difference, he made a leadership gift by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) through

the University of Rochester. Through the CGA, Frank will receive income for life from the University.

The CGA is designated to Newman and will grow in the University endowment supporting the Catholic Newman Community forever. Frank says, "If you want to do something to help an organization like Newman in the future, and you need a secure stream of income now, learn about the benefits of a charitable gift annuity. You can do well, while doing something good for your community. This is what it is all about."

### University of Rochester Charitable Gift Annuity

Make a gift of cash or stock to support Newman for the future. In exchange, receive a fixed income for life for one or two individuals.

#### Key Features

- Guaranteed fixed income; a portion may be tax-free for a period of years
- A charitable income tax deduction
- Avoidance of capital gains tax on donated securities
- Income can be immediate or deferred (typically at age 50 or older)

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# Newman Photo Album



Santa visits staff in Wilson Commons



Christmas in Wilco!



St. Valentine's Day at Eastman Living Center



Kairos XXXVIII, February 12-14, 2023 at Notre Dame Retreat House



Agape Bean ready to hit campus!

## Newman by Numbers for the last five years!





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