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NEWMAN HISTORY & PURPOSE

Named in honor of John Henry Cardinal Newman, the Newman Centers, are residence and Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. They were inspired by Newman's writings encouraging societies for catholic students attending secular universities.

The first Newman Center was established in 1893 at the University of Pennsylvania by Timothy Harrington, a graduate medical student, together with John Gilbride, James and Joseph Walsh with assistance of Father P.J. Garvey, pastor of the local St. James Catholic Church.

The centers provide pastoral services and ministries to their Catholic communities, in particular to the Roman Catholic student population within the universities. However, Christians of other denominations often come and participate as well. A variety of university and parish related meetings and social events take place at the centers, as well as weddings, anniversary celebrations, baptisms, masses and funeral receptions.

The Illinois Knights of Columbus dedicated themselves to the support of the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in 1917 when they began supporting the Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois. In 1959 the Illinois State Council allocated funds for other schools throughout the state and today, we Knights of Illinois support more than 800,000 students enrolled in Illinois Colleges and Universities. Newman was the first charity adopted by the State Council and Newman remains #1!

Newman Centers at state-supported colleges in the 1950's, '60's, and '70's addressed students' sacramental and social needs but were less likely than Catholic colleges to offer courses in theology, liturgy, moral issues or spirituality. The motivation was once safeguarding Catholics from "losing their faith", today campus ministry programs work to foster a faith that will grow as the students mature and accept more responsibilities in family, Church, and society. A faith that evangelizes!

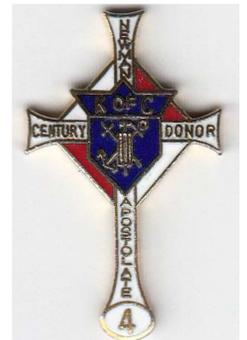
Focusing on : Forming a Faith Community Appropriating the Faith

Forming the Christian Conscience Educating for Justice

Facilitating Personal Development..... Developing Leaders

Vocation Ministry

Costs are always climbing and facilities need to be repaired over time. Consider making a personal donation to the Newman program to help keep this program strong and growing for our College Students! Consider becoming a Century Donor and wear your lapel pin proudly.



Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord