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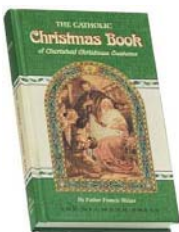
Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center (HTCNC) is the Church that serves the college campuses in Northern Arizona. HTCNC enhances the Flagstaff academic community by providing faith-based programs, activities and resources that serve the sacramental and spiritual needs of its members. HTCNC inspires, assists, and encourages individuals to become faith-sharing local, national and global leaders of tomorrow.

WINTER READING

The Catholic Christmas Book of Cherished Christmas Customs

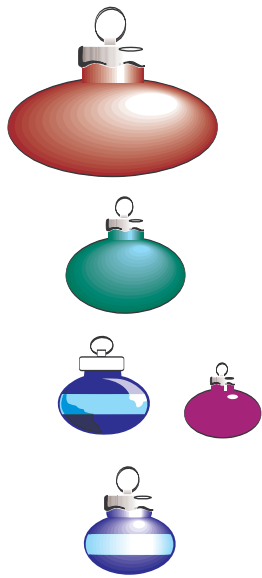
Father Francis Weiser

Christmas—all history revolves around that event which is central in liturgy as it is in life. History was changed forever because one night in a cattle shed, in a small town of a despised area dependent on the Imperial Province of Syria, a young girl gave birth to a boy Child. Christmas is the birthday of an era, the inauguration of a culture, the beginning of a creed, the fountainhead of man's hope. This book recalls perfectly the origins and historical significance of the customs and ceremonies with which Christian men surrounded the birthday of their



King. This book will warm the heart and bring closer to all who read it the real significance and meaning of our Christmas customs.

Reference:
www.aquinasandmore.com



INTERN NEWS:



Kelly Almassy is this month's featured intern. Her many talents and great enthusiasm bring joy to the Newman Center and those

around her. "I am a sophomore majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology. I have been active in several non-profit organizations as well as my home parish, St. James in Glendale, Arizona, as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. I decided to apply for the Newman Center Internship because I wanted to get involved in, and contribute to, an active and vibrant campus ministry. Being an intern here has been not only rewarding but full of fun times with the many new friends I have made. I am looking forward to the challenge of expanding our Catholic reach in the community."

CHAPLAN/DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas!

It seems like just yesterday was the first day of school, and yet already the fall semester is near its end! I feel so blessed to be here at the Newman Center, walking with the students on their journey of faith. As Advent arrives with the hope of the coming Christ, I am filled with joy at seeing the spiritual birth and growth that has happened here, even in just a few short months.

What an active semester we have had! Lots of new students became involved, due to our many activities and outreach by the students. The fall Lumberjack Awakening Retreat became the largest one to date, with 42 retreatants and 33 team members. Many generous community members donated food for our Thanksgiving feast, in which 90 students participated. This semester too we hosted for the first time in a while, a Coffee House Talent Show in which 15 acts were presented by the students. The acts included skits, guitar, singing, piano, dances, and even poetry. Seeing the students becoming more aware of their talents, and to witness them sharing them with the community, is a great joy. In addition, our newly added 9:00pm Mass continues to grow in popularity, and is a favorite among the students.

Outside of the Newman Center, our on-campus outreach has continued to make us Catholics more visible through "tabling" (hanging out at a table in the Union with our "Catholic" sign and a group of students) twice each week, as well as tailgating before a few of the football games.

With this break in classes, it is a great chance for us all to refocus on what is most important in our lives. Most especially, the gift of life and the gift of faith. The coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas reminds us that God continues to wait for us, but more importantly, seek us out. He loves us and desires for us to share in the joy of the birth of His Son. Know of our prayers for a peace-filled Christmas season for you and your families. May God bless you for the many generous ways you have supported the work of the Newman Center!

Blessings of peace,

Fr. Matt
Fr. Matthew Lowry
Chaplain/Director



Fr. Matt enjoying his gift from the Newman Center students

THE NEWMAN CENTER TODAY...

Father Matt has made a big impact on students and the Newman Center, in general, over the last six months. He embodies the theme of the 2010 FOCUS conference "Made for More". Students are invited to attend the FOCUS National Conference 2010...December 30 - January 3 2010 in Orlando. Please go to the conference website at www.focusconference.org and imagine bringing in the New Year with thousands of other college students from across the nation who know they are made for more. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring a student, or making a contribution please contact Father Matt right away. What a great gift to give to a student! fmatt@NAUnewman.org



Thanksgiving Dinner 2009



CURRENT EVENTS

The best way to stay in touch with the current and upcoming events at the Newman Center is to go to the web, click on the calendar and review the numerous activities that are being planned the website is filled with information regarding mass and confession schedules, programs and services and special events. A full spring semester is just ahead... www.NAUnewman.org

Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5:30pm All NAU and CCC December graduates are being recognized and congratulated at the Newman Center's winter Baccalaureate Mass and reception. Congratulations and sincere well wishes for your futures!



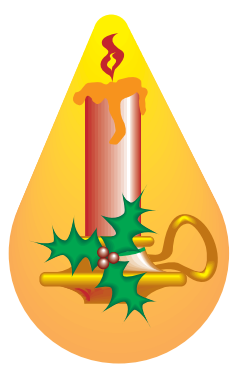
"... It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger 1986



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Parking Permits are now available for the spring. A limited number of spaces are being held for new permit holders. The spaces ensure easy access to campus and no hassle parking. Please contact the Newman Center to reserve your space and to purchase your permit. Major credit cards are accepted. The cost of a spring permit is \$150.00. It expires on August 10, 2010. Permits for the 2010-2011 school-year will be available in August.

Holy Trinity Prayer

Glory be to the Father who used his power and love to create me in his image when I did not exist.

Glory be to the Son who sacrificed his blood, forgave my sins and opened the gates of heaven so that I may walk through them.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit who sanctified me in baptism, lifts me when I fall, and demonstrates His grace and goodness by His daily delivery of spiritual blessings to my soul, mind and heart, now and forever. Amen

DEVELOPMENT...Looking toward stewardship as a way of life



As the new year approaches it is time to review the past and make meaningful strides toward understanding and theology behind stewardship as it is presented in the Bible. Stewardship is not as much of an obligation as it is a form of worship that allows us to be grateful for the gifts we have been given and for those we are yet to receive. In turn, stewardship also includes the acts of caring for and sharing what we have been given with others.

The Bible teaches us that we are accountable for our actions. As Catholics we believe that we will, some day, be asked about how we spent our time, talents, and our treasures here on earth. We will also be asked about how our actions served to enhance God's kingdom. Now is a good time to think about what you will say when asked...The new year is a great time to take action toward becoming a better Steward. Stewardship develops and defines who we are. It is way of life that involves both the mind and the heart. Give yourself a great gift this Christmas, read and learn more about God's plan for you as a Catholic Steward.

For suggested readings or dialogue about Stewardship please contact Michelle at mnardi@NAUnewman.org or 928-864-8071

MINISTRY FOCUS

Adult Spiritual Formation Program:

This Newman Center Program is a Sacramental preparation class for those wanting to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. The class is twenty-two weeks long and is lead by a Certified Spiritual Director or Minister who counsels individuals and reviews topics and teachings of the church as they relate to a student's faith formation and religious education.



Fall Student Retreat

