



Newman Nuggets

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1. What is the Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center?

Named in honor of John Henry Cardinal Newman, Newman Centers are Catholic Ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the United States. Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center is the Catholic Church adjacent to the NAU campus. It is a part of the San Francisco de Asís Parish. The Newman Center is the place where mass is held and spiritual growth takes place college students.

2. Who does the Newman Center serve?

The Newman Center provides pastoral services and ministries to the entire community which includes the 4,000 Roman Catholic student population at NAU and the local community college. A variety of campus and parish related activities, social justice programs and social events take place at the center. All are welcome to attend.

3. What programs and services does the Newman Center provide?

The Newman Center is a church. Mass is held during the week and on Sundays. Additionally, Rosary services, bible studies, confession and faith based activities are all part of weekly programming. Retreats and leadership workshops, social justice projects and faith-sharing gatherings are part of each month's calendar of events. An annual week long Whiteriver, AZ Mission Trip fills out a full menu of faith based activities. A well defined list of programs and services can be viewed at www.NAUnewman.org.

4. How many individuals are served by the Newman Center?

The Newman Center serves over 350 people at Mass each week. In addition, over 250 students are part of the choir, Exalt!, bible studies, rosary recitations and other programs and services of the Newman Center. Parents, alumni, students and community members are part of the Newman Center activity calendar. The doors are open with an invitation for anyone wanting or needing faith-based resources.

5. Where is the Newman Center?

The Newman Center is one block east of Milton on Riordan Road. The Newman Center church and offices are adjacent to the NAU campus at 520 West Riordan Road in Flagstaff, AZ. There is ample parking and it is within walking distance for individuals who live on or near the campus.

6. How is the Newman Center funded?

The Newman Center is part of the San Francisco de Asís Parish and it receives some monies from the parish and the Diocese. Program and Service fees are also part of the Center's revenues. The Newman Center must rely on private donations from individuals and businesses to meet expenses.

7. How long has the Newman Center been in existence?

Thirty Catholic students at Northern Arizona State Teachers College formed a Newman Club in 1930. They first met under the direction of nearby Guadalupe Church. In the sixties, an advisory board of community members began a building plan. Committee members acquired land, raised funds, and built Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center which opened its doors in 1966.

8. How is the Newman Center governed?

Today the Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center (HTCNC) is a small Flagstaff-based Catholic nonprofit organization under the direction and guidance of SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS Parish. The Parish is in the Diocese of Phoenix, headed by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. Its current staff includes a Director and Campus Minister, Michael Vollmer, MTS and a Development Director, Michelle Nardi, MNM. Four student interns assist with Ministry and Administrative support.

9. What is the Newman Center's mission?

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. The HTCNC ministries of inspires, assists, and encourages individuals to become faith-sharing local, national and global leaders of tomorrow.

10. What are some recent accomplishments of the Newman Center?

The Newman Center has seen a consistent growth in numbers over the last academic year. Mass and program attendance is up and rising. A Sunday morning mass has been added to the mass schedule. A new web site is up, running, and beautiful. The ability to contribute and receive online donations has been made available. Students have developed a musical chorus group that is accomplished in playing a singing a full-compliment of liturgical music. Social Justice service-projects have been increased this school year in order to better serve community needs.

11. What are the Newman Center's plans for the future?

Plans and dreams for the Newman Center are focused on strong and healthy growth. The NAU academic community that the Newman Center serves requires care and nurturing. There is an ever-present need for a full time priest that can serve as a spiritual counselor and Campus Minister at the center. The Newman Center would like to employ a full-time professional counselor. Additional plans always include requesting support from the Diocese, enhancing all forms of communication with the parish and building a well balanced volunteer team that brings spiritual growth and stewardship to the academic community.

12. What can be done to make the future bright for the Newman Center?

A bright future for the Newman Center requires action. Spiritual blessings, community support, financial and physical commitments to the Newman Center and service to others are the actions for hope and wellbeing. They are the bright light that this season can provide with your help and promise. Get to know the Newman Center first hand and beyond these words. Take action, visit, explore, share, and support Holy Trinity Catholic Newman Center.

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words” St. Francis of Assisi