



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

Back in November, I was asked to represent the Catholic Church at the 500th anniversary of the Protestant reformation at St. Andrew's Cathedral. A few months before that I found myself representing the diocese at the holocaust memorial at Temple Emanuel; it was quite moving. Several times a year we get together here at Newman with the Quakers and the Buddhists, and pray at the peace monument near the state Capitol building. Recently we have connected with our Muslim brothers and sisters. This last week we had a moving service, involving over 20 religious communities. Pope Francis encourages these gatherings that break down barriers between people and groups.

With all the divisions that exist in today's world, it is important that we discover our common humanity. The prayer of Jesus is that all may be one. On an ecumenical level that means that all Christians should pray together, and work for closer unity. On a broader level we should reach out to non Christians, especially other faith traditions to build bridges of understanding.

The Catholic Church is often a bridge, we pray with and work with everyone. We were all created by the same God, and are his family. I am so proud that Newman is at the center of healing and openness here in Hawaii.

Many Blessings, Fr. Jack

### Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Housing Assistance, and Affordable Housing

Know someone who is need of shelter? Refer them to: Catholic Charities Hawaii at 808-521-4357 or [www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org](http://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org)

Some of their programs are Ma'ili Land Transitional Housing Program (Oahu), Housing Assistance Program, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

In addition they supply programs for Youth & Family Support, Adoptions Services, and Family Counseling.

### Hospitality Weekend

#### Refreshments after Mass next weekend Feb. 3/4

At the beginning of each month, members of our community donate refreshments to share after Mass. These casual get together give us a chance to meet new parishioners and catch up with "old-timers". Stay for a while and enjoy community refreshments.

#### Hospitality Outreach

Our hospitality extends beyond our parish to those in need. The baskets for food donations for the food pantry are out.. Donations of canned meats and fruits, and rice are most welcomed. We are grateful for your generosity!

### Newman Center on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii](http://www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii)  
Twitter & Instagram: [@newmanhawaii](https://twitter.com/newmanhawaii)

#### Prayer Sites

Looking for a website for daily reflections?  
<http://prayasyougo.org>, <http://sacredspace.ie>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:  
<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:  
[http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest\\_essay/](http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest_essay/)

#### Contemplative Prayer

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

### Religious Education Classes

Sundays, immediately following the 9 am Mass except for the Kindergarten/First Grade, which will meet on the same Sundays, but during the Readings at the 9 am Mass. **Classes are: 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6**

#### Rite of Christian Initiation

The RCIA team meets with adults desiring to become Catholic Sundays after the 11 am Mass to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The sacraments are celebrated at Easter Vigil.

For more information about the program and its schedule, please contact RCIA co-ordinator, Rosemary Casey at [rcasey6971@gmail.com](mailto:rcasey6971@gmail.com)

**Reflections on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle**

**Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18**

*Now, why delay?*

Even when we know what's in our best interest, procrastination, uncertainty or laziness can keep us from doing what's truly good and right. It's pretty easy to sit back and do nothing, but our baptism calls us to take action.

Jesus asks us to embrace him and his forgiveness for our own benefit. Our disinterest or seeming lack of urgency delays our inviting the glory of God to be at work within us. With that said, our acceptance of the expectations that come with being Christ's followers cannot be taken lightly.

Baptism for the apostles was not just a ceremony. It demanded extraordinary prayer and preparation. They had to fully commit, and maybe that's the real question at hand. Do we tarry because we're unwilling to truly change?

*Persistent Savior, gently push me to call on you when I resist your loving gifts of holiness and mercy.*

*Patricia Russell, Celebrations Publications*

**Thank You for Taize Prayer**

A big mahalo to Jon James and Cathy Blickos for coordinating the Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There were over 20 representatives of various Christian denominations participating. This was the 5th year that the Newman Center has hosted this event.

Thank you to the following people for volunteering: Gene Corpuz, Rosemary Hashimoto, Michael Blickos, Honda, Sr. Patty Chang, Doug Styles, Derrick Dayao, Angela Cooray, Ann Kelminski, Vicky Bunye, Vicki Machado, Marci Prins, Morgan Donohue, Sr. Joan Chatfield, Sri Rusden, Sade Rusden, Connor Grune, Terrence Donohue.

Also the following campus ministry students: Anna Davide, Terry Salaga, Lawrence Harris, Casey McGrath, JP Alonzo, Ann Ngo, Chrystal Arquines, Peter Chong.

**Come See About Us**

Our Campus Minister, Joseph Oh, compiled a video yearbook of our parish's liturgies, events, and activities. The link is live now on Newman's website: [www.NewmanHawaii.org](http://www.NewmanHawaii.org), This video is a reminder to our community of the many celebrations, retreats, social ministry, and prayer that is offered at Newman.

**Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention**

**Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**Confirmation of Donations for Tax Year**

We expect to have final statements of your donations for the 2017 tax year completed within the next two weeks and ready to be sent out in the mail.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish and our campus ministry. If you have any questions, please see Chris.

**Celebrate Newman Center's 35th Anniversary**

As we continue to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the Newman Center Chapel, we are collecting people's thoughts about the role of Newman in their lives.

Please go to the 35th anniversary site and share your answers to the questions posed there. Encourage others to share! Thank you for your participation.

**35<sup>th</sup> anniversary surveys via online:**

<http://www.newmanhawaii.org/about-us/35th-anni-dedication>

**Save the date for the 2018 Busy Person's Retreat**

**Dates: March 17-21**

*Are you feeling a desire for a deeper relationship with God?* You may be ready for a Busy Person's Retreat. You don't have to fly anywhere or stay in a retreat house. Just make a commitment to meet with a director each day and follow the guidelines for prayer during this time. Six directors will join us for these 5 days to listen and reflect with you about your relationship with God, your prayer life, what is working in your life, where you may be struggling.

If you have made this retreat before, tell a friend about it and encourage him or her to make the retreat. More information will be published in January. This retreat is self-sustaining through registration fees and donations. Would you consider making a donation to support this opportunity for members of our Newman community? Checks can be made payable to Newman Center and marked for Busy Persons Retreat.

Retreat Brochures are on the credenza.

Catholic Campus Ministry Presents . . .

# Spring '18 Student Community Building Retreat

Site: St. Anthony Retreat Center

Date: Feb. 9 – 11th, 2018

Cost: \$50 for UHM Students  
\$75 for Young Professionals

\*Register online at  
[www.newmanhawaii.org](http://www.newmanhawaii.org) OR  
in person at the Newman Center

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