

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

The daily news is full of many, too many, fast breaking events. In the last week the nation was focused on the horrific massacre in Florida, and the heroic and touching response to it from our youngsters, across the country. My heart and prayers go out to the parents, survivors, families and friends of the victims. This carnage must stop!

Another event this week was the death of 99 year old evangelist, Billy Graham. As he emerged as an evangelist 70 years ago a film was produced, starring Burt Lancaster, as Elmer Gantry, based on a book by Sinclair Lewis. Gantry was a shaggy evangelist who worshipped money and immorality. He, like Graham, was a fiery preacher. Billy tried to move away from the more heartless evangelicals. Anti-Catholicism was a sad part of that tradition.

Graham campaigned with vigor against the candidacy of John F Kennedy, because he was catholic. He prayed with Kennedy after his election. He also moved away from the segregationist policies of the evangelicals. These shifters alienated him from conservative Protestants. He gradually became friends with Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Pope John Paul II.

The prayer of Jesus is that all may be one. May he Rest In Peace!

Many Blessings, Fr. Jack

Lent with Br. Casey: Called to Discern

“What are you going to do with your life?”

For many, there is no more important (or stress-inducing) question in all of the world, which is why I put them front and center as the opening words of my new book [*Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God*](#).

Since the way we answer the big questions of life—what career you’re going to pursue, whom you’re going to marry, where you’re going to live—has the power to shape everything about our lives, answering these questions would seem to be the very goal of life itself. As agonizing as it may be to pass through a period of unknowing, to wait for God to help us figure everything out, we know that once we answer those questions everything will get easier.

But does it? And is that all we think of discernment?

In my experience, discerning the will of God in our lives and figuring out what I’m “going to do with my life” is not something that can ever be fully answered.

As soon as I answered what I thought to be the biggest question of my life—Should I join the friars or get married?—I found myself faced with new questions. And then new questions. And then new questions again. While I may have figured out my “place” in life, I have by no means figured out how I’m going to actually live it. With each day comes a new

challenge, a new opportunity, and a new way of relating to God than before.

For me, discerning the will of God is not a matter of answering a question and moving on, it is a way of life that dictates everything we do.

Because here’s the thing: As important as these questions may be to us in our world today, I don’t think they matter at all to God. Sure, God wants us to be happy and fulfilled. But, in the ultimate sense, I don’t think God could care less if we choose to be an accountant or a firefighter; whether we marry Susie or Maria; or whether we live in Cincinnati or San Antonio. What God cares about most is how we answer the most basic of questions: How am I going to be a disciple of Christ today?

That is our calling. That is what God wants from us. And that is what we must discern.

This Lent, take a moment each day to discern this most basic of questions. Realize that the most important question in life—how we’re going to live as children of God and disciples of Christ—is not something that can be answered and moved on from, but is something that must be taken up each and every day anew. Focus your discernment on that question and see if the bigger questions don’t just figure themselves out.

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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%20essay/)

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: 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

Living Catholic in the 808
First Sunday of Lent
Encountering the Suffering Christ
Reflections by Pope Francis

Reprinted from the CRS Rice Bowl Community Reflections

“We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. Unless we do this, other creatures will not be recognized for their true worth; we are unconcerned about caring for things for the sake of others; we fail to set limits on ourselves in order to avoid the suffering of others or the deterioration of our surroundings.

Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us.

If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society.” *Laudato Si’*, 208

Question: Human beings are called to be in community, but we sometimes forget that we succeed and fail together. How can you welcome those who suffer into your community more intentionally? How might you be responsible for the suffering of others in your community—and in our global human family?

Prayer: God of all people, may we never forget that we are one human family.

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Operation Rice Bowl 2018

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily in the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It’s an opportunity for our parish/families to come together and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need.

Join our faith community—and Catholics all over the world in this life changing journey of encounter with the CRS Rice Bowl. Please take home a Rice bowl from the credenza today.

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.

This video is a reminder to our community of the many celebrations, retreats, social ministry, and prayer that is offered at Newman.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

One of the most poignant messages during Holy Week is when Jesus calls upon His apostles to follow him into the garden and stay with Him and pray.

After celebrating the Holy Thursday liturgy, the altar is cleared and the Eucharist is moved from the altar to an altar of repose. We are invited to “stay” with Jesus.

We are looking for people to keep this vigil with a group, a friend, or by yourself. The hours are as follows:

9:00-9:30 pm, 9:30-10:00 pm, 10:00-10:30 pm
10:30-11:00 pm, 11:00– 11:30 pm. 11:30-midnight

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the list on the chapel door. Thank you.

Prayers for Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ

Fr. Dick Hauser, S.J. has given retreats at Newman. He received a diagnosis of an aggressive, inoperable cancer. He is not a candidate for treatment.

He asked that we pray, “That I could be open to the grace of Ignatius for indifference to sickness and health, a long life or a short life, and that I might experience God’s presence through it all. I desire to be united with Christ in my journey.” The best way to express messages with Dick is to mail them to him, care of the Jesuit community. He also said that he’d be open to receiving emails at hausersj@creighton.edu.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support for this great Jesuit who has taught us so much about faith and this Jesuit tradition, and will continue to do so in the days ahead.

2018 Busy Person’s Retreat Dates: March 17-21

If you feel the need to refresh your faith, you might be interested our Busy Person’s Retreat. 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 interested, fill out a Retreat Brochure on the credenza.

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.

Questions for February:

- 1) What do you value most about the nature of your involvement and ministry at Newman?
- 2) What do you value about what/how Newman has contributed to your life?

Encourage others to share their story. Thank you!

35th anniversary surveys via online:

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

Spring 2018 Community Building Retreat — Student Reflection

“My name is Meghan Delaney and I am currently a first-year PhD student majoring in Korean Language and Linguistics. Over the past few months I’d come to realize that my spiritual life had become very dry and that the rest of my life was suffering as a result. And even though I had come to this conclusion on my own, I was finding it difficult to implement the needed changes alone. I went on this retreat with the hope that I would find the motivation, inspiration, and community support that I would need to reorient my life around God and that is exactly what I received. Discussing various topics in small groups throughout the whole weekend was powerful for me because I got to know a select group of people well, and it was a safe space for us all to be honest with each other about our spiritual journeys. This chance to learn about other people’s journeys helped me to put my own into perspective and to realize that we all struggle with our faith at times. I was feeling very alone in my struggles, and the whole weekend – from small group sharing, to various people’s testimonies, to confession – helped me to remember that I am never alone in my faith journey.”

Overall, this retreat was exactly what I was looking for: it reminded me that I am loved by God, that I need to trust in God and in what He has planned for me, and that I am called to show that love to others through service. I also really appreciated that the retreat fell on the weekend before the beginning of Lent, as it really helped me to reflect on the meaning of Lent and to prepare myself to walk this journey with Jesus. Going on the retreat nourished and refreshed my spiritual life, gave me the inspiration and motivation to live in a more Christ-centered way, and helped me to really feel part of the Newman community.”



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More Spring 2018 Community Building Retreat Photos!



Upcoming Campus Ministry Events

- 3/3** - *Manoa Experience* Open-House Event on Campus
- 3/6, 6:30 pm** - Student Dinner and Game Night
- 3/10, 8:00 am** - Beautification Day
- 3/19, 7:00 pm** - Penance Service
- 3/26** - Holy Week / Spring Break Begins
- TBD** - Service Project

Regular Campus Ministry Events

- Sundays, 5:00 pm** - Student Mass & Dinner
 - Monday thru Friday, 12:10 pm** - Daily Mass
 - Wednesdays, 9:00 pm** - Student Mass & Refreshments
 - Fridays during Lent, 6:30 pm** - Stations of the Cross
- *Confession appointments with Fr. Jack Ryan made in person or via email at pastor@newmanhawaii.org

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