

The Newman Center

Summer Accomplishments

Summer 2018

Summers at Newman Center are typically “slower” — used for cleaning, organizing files, catching up on filing, and preparing for the next academic year. But, not slow at all this past summer! We had a lot accomplished during the short summer break and we wanted to share the wonderful news with you through this short report. Please keep praying for our staff, volunteers, benefactors, friends and supporters.

We are able to do all these things because of your sacrifice of time, effort, gifts, and talents! Mahalo nui.

Organizing and Efficiency

- Shopping check-lists updated and organized
- Archiving previous fiscal year files
- Updated employee files with the Diocese
- Issuance of sacrament letters to home parishes
- Creating new files for committees
- Producing new flyers and other promotional materials—general for Newman, as well as specific for Campus Ministry

Cleaning

- Shelves, carpets and fans cleaned, glass polished
- Student Lounge wiped down and laundry washed
- Kitchen cleaned twice, including refrigerators, oven, counters, drawers
- Outdoor bulletin board de-fogged and cleaned
- Chapel Chairs upholstery dusted, wood cleaned

Housekeeping

- Light bulbs changed from incandescent to LED
- Recycling of piles of paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, and other recyclables
- Graphite in locks to prevent door jams
- Inventory of storage bins
- Replenishing of depleted office supplies
- Restocking of our liturgical elements of wine and hosts from the Sacred Hearts Sisters
- New portrait of John Henry Cardinal Newman framed and hung behind front desk
- Newman Prayer framed and hung



Repairs

- Two carpet cleaning machines repaired
- Internet and phone connection repaired, as well as optimized
- Kitchen sink caulked
- Men's room drain and floor with tiles repaired
- Men's room urinal water flow regulated
- Family restroom toilet leak fixed
- Women's room toilet paper dispenser replaced



Before and after of men's bathroom cracked concrete and tile floor

Young Professionals Ministry

- Summer Sports Team, Newman Knights, organized by team captain Peter Chong for the Diocesan Young Adult Sports Day at Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

Hurricane Lane Preparation

- Dug temporary trench to prevent flooding that has been occurring in the past year due to heavy rains
- Sandbags replaced in new bags to divert water originating from St. Francis School baseball field
- French drains cleaned with sewer snake and flushed
- Rain gutters cleaned





Interns, Ann Ngo (L) & Mia Lettau (R), preparing dinner for the Kid's Movie Night

Special Projects

- **Joseph Oh** completed the report to the Lilly Endowment for a grant on the exploration of vocations. Hopefully we will be eligible in Spring of 2019 for a sustaining matching grant of up to \$50,000.
- Found someone to lend Fr. Randy a car instead of renting one during his stay — result: saved \$1000
- Successful backpack and school supply drive for children of non-traditional UH Manoa students, in partnership with UH Women's Campus Club, SP@M, UHM Women's Center, and other entities
- Season of Creation events planned and started
- Ka Leo New Student bags stuffed with 2000 Newman pencils and postcards
- Desk for our new parish bookkeeper, Julie Shiroma, purchased, delivered, assembled
- Building and Grounds Committee created and met with Erin Marshall, acting principal of St. Francis School about reoccurring flooding behind Newman
- Landscaping professional assessment for flood mitigation completed
 - Official approval from St. Francis School and Sisters of St. Francis obtained
- Replaced parish safe lock with dual lock security
- Large tin-foil barb fish re-homed, fish tank cleaned, filter replaced, and live aquatic plants added
- 3 Petals Nagasaki Peace Walk with our Buddhist and Quaker Friends
- Letter with inter-faith partners, inspired by Pope Francis and Holy See, sent to religious leaders on the abolishment of nuclear weapons

Summer Internship

Above all, we ought to be very proud of the accomplishments of our young leaders of the community, both college and high schoolers!

- **Jonah Tiwanak**, UHM student of architecture, created a new website for Newman, along with new photos of the grounds and interior. Check out the new website: www.NewmanHawaii.org.
- Inspired by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, **Ann Ngo**, UHM student of bio-chemistry, organized a Kupuna Visit at our neighbors, the St. Francis Adult Day Care Center.
- High schoolers, **Nathan Yee** (Hawaii Baptist Academy) and **Mia Lettau** (Punahou), partnered up to host a Kids Movie Night, giving parents a brief respite. Their creativity, willingness, and leadership in this project helps Newman to see the possible scope of our budding Youth Ministry Program. We need your continued support for the youngest of our leaders in the community by offering your programming ideas and time as advisors and facilitators. Will you help us help them?
- **Max Higa**, high school student at Roosevelt, spearheaded a project to replace the expired fire extinguishers and AED (automated external defibrillator). All of the fire extinguishers (\$400) are now within code requirements. We are still short \$560 (of \$2,800) to replace the non-functional AED. You can help make up the difference by giving online to: newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org/AED_FireExtinguisher

The next time you see our young community leaders, please congratulate them on a job well done! They are living the Gospel by their actions—we have a lot to learn from them. We look forward to next year's Summer Internship.

Mahalo Nui

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