



Aquinas Newman Center

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THE CATHOLIC CAMPUS PARISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Aquinas Newman Center is a permanent Community of the Catholic Faithful, established as a parish of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at the University of New Mexico. While its primary mission is to the University Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators, the parish community genuinely welcomes all who wish to participate in the work and worship of the parish. As a Newman Center, we have the mission of proclaiming the Word of God and presenting theology to an academic community that finds in our parish an intellectual and spiritual basis for becoming and remaining committed Roman Catholics.

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF

Thomas Jackson, O.P., Pastor	ext. 14
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parochial Councilors

Felix Caballero
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PEER MINISTERS

Katie Carleo, Liturgy and Worship
Josh Gallegos, Faith Formation
Brittany Garcia, Campus Communications
Alex Guimaraes, Community Life
Alicia Sedillo, Gospel Justice

DOMINICANS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Joachim Culotta, O.P. Fr. Kevin Niehoff, O.P.
Fr. Michael Demkovich, O.P.
Fr. Thomas Jackson, O.P.

SACRAMENTS and PRAYER

ADULT INITIATION (RCIA) - Process of initiation into the Catholic Church for non-baptized persons and Christians of other faiths.

CONFIRMATION - For adults and high school students.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN - For registered parishioners only. Check with the office for scheduled dates. Two preparation sessions required. Parents and godparents should attend classes before the birth of the child to be baptized, if possible. Register in the office.

RECONCILIATION - By arrangement. Communal Service as announced. Also, on Saturdays: from 3:30 - 4:00pm.

MARRIAGE - For registered parishioners. Requires six (6) months preparation. Contact the office for details.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER - Prayer request line is 247-1094, x5. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, call 247-1094, x10 and leave a message.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Contact Deacon Don Contreras at 247-1094, x39.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY - Contact Ellen Stotzer at 888-2429.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES - Dominican Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Masses)	12:10 pm
Friday (Communion Service)	12:10 pm
Tuesday (Dominican Community Conventual Mass with Vespers)	5:15 pm
Prayer times: Monday through Friday (Lauds)	7:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Vespers)	5:45 pm
*First Friday Mass for Lawyers	7:00 am
*Dominican Laity - First Saturday of the month	9:00 am

*All are welcome to these celebrations. *Unless otherwise noted.*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday	8:30am—12pm and 1- 4:30pm
Sunday	8:30 am - 1:00 pm

From the desk of Stacy Keogh, "Becoming the Voice for the Voiceless . . ."

Regardless of one's position on war or violence, no one can deny the horrific images that have come from Latin America in the last 40 years. Catholic social teaching calls us to stand up for the dignity of human life: to spread the love of Christ, stand for justice, and to work in solidarity with those whose voices have been silenced. Those in attendance at the 2008 School of the Americas protest heard this call as 25,000 people sacrificed their time, bodies, and for some, even their freedom to defend the message of the Gospel.

The School of the Americas/Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation is located at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. The school allegedly trains Latin American military personnel in combat against counter-insurgency and narco-trafficking in the region. However, the unfortunate correlation between SOA graduates and their human rights violations is overwhelming and—dare I say—uncontestable. The SOA was responsible for training the assassins of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador in 1980 and the massacre of the Jesuit priests and two women at the University of Central America in 1989.

Though founded by a Catholic priest in 1990, the (SOA protest) movement transcends denominational lines and is now an ecumenical witness to the boundless love of the Spirit. Moved by collective worship, a litany of remembrance and a vow to non-violent action, the protest is built foremost upon the teachings of the Gospel, which calls all of us to help the helpless in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

The day before the protest, I stood on one side of the fence staring out into the beautiful landscape of the base, and tried to imagine the defenselessness of the thousands who had been victims of violence and oppression for decades throughout Latin America. Brought to tears, I backed away and gave space to those kneeling, meditating, beside me in contemplative reflection and preparation for the upcoming event.

The next morning, I approached the fence line for the second time. In my hands was a white wooden cross upon which was inscribed the name of Jesuit martyr Iganacio Ellacuria. I paced back and forth trying to find a spot on the wire fence for me to place my memento, but couldn't find an opening anywhere. As I stepped back to get a better view, I caught my breath. What was yesterday a fence of division had that morning become a solid wall of love; a memorial built out of a commitment to make the voice of the voiceless heard.

No longer were we – the protestors – acting in defiance against the violence of the world of the other side; rather, we were surrounded by the spiritual presence of the martyrs who had given their lives for the cause that was finally being realized. Their place on that wall symbolized that what was on the other side was not important. Rather, if

From the desk of Stacy Keogh, continued . . .

we keep our eyes on the love of Christ and continue to follow his direction for our lives, we can overcome the injustice of this world.

*Para todas las voces de los mártires de Latinoamérica.
Presente.*

PARISHIONERS

- **From the Parish Pastoral Council:** This weekend we as a parish will be electing our student representative for the Parish Pastoral Council. Ballots will be available after all Masses today with the tallies being counted after the 5PM Mass. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the candidates. The student representatives nominees are: *Sarah Rose Cordero, Christine Karver, Gaby Rodriguez, Katie Hodock, Luis Merino and Steve Cuevas.* Please pick up a ballot and vote!
- **Light up your Life with Luminarias!!** The El Salvador Ministry will be selling Luminarias after all Masses from **until Dec. 21** for \$10 per dozen.
- **Plan now for the upcoming Women in the Spirit (WITS) gatherings** where we share music, prayer and reflection! Upcoming gathering dates are: January 24, 9:30-11:30am, continued discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's "Dance of the Dissident Daughter"; March 7 - Retreat from 9:30am-1:30pm; and May 30, 9:30- 11:30am.
- **The Advent Day of Reflection at Catherine House is Saturday, Dec.13 from 9:30am to 3pm.**The theme for the day is Christ's Presence: In History, Now, and in the Time to Come. The day will include presentations by Sr. Geneal, time for prayer and reflection, and group reflection. A light lunch will be served. Reservations may be made until December 8 by phoning 254-1723.

LITURGY

- **Christmas Nativity Choir rehearsals** for Christmas Eve's 10pm Mass will be held **Sundays Dec. 7, 14, and 21 at 1:00 pm.** Contact Steve at 247-1094 x38.
- **The Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm** in the Main Chapel.
- **Christmas Mass Schedule:**
Christmas Eve - 4:30pm Main Chapel, Children's Choir
Christmas Eve - 4:30pm Auditorium, 8am Choir
Christmas Vigil - 9:30pm Carols, 10pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day - 9:30am and 11am
December 31- 4:30 pm, Mary, Mother of God
January 1 - 10:00 am, Mary, Mother of God

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **December 13 at 10am.** The celebration for both St. Charles and the Newman Center is scheduled to be held at the Newman Center this year.
 - **Giving Tree** donations should be turned in by **December 14!**
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

We have too many high sounding words,
and too few actions that correspond with them.

- *Abigail Adams*

*to her husband, John Adams,
in Letters of Mrs. Adams*

It is no wonder that just the touch of another human being
at a dark time can be enough to save the day.

- *Frederick Buechner,
Beyond Words.*

Sunday, December 7 to Sunday, December 14, 2008

- Sun., Dec. 7:** **Selling of Breakfast Burritos at all of the Masses!**
10AM Advent Wreath Making in the Auditorium
3PM Re-Gathering for Approach Fall Retreat in the Hang Out
5PM Mass, 6PM Meal
- Tues., Dec. 9:** **6:30PM** Rosary in the Dominican Chapel
- Wed., Dec. 10:** **9PM** Candlelight Mass in the Dominican Chapel
- Thurs., Dec. 11:** **5:30PM** Faith Sharing Group in the Hang Out
- Sat., Dec. 13:** **6PM-11PM** Young Adult Advent Evening of Reflection at the Madonna Retreat Center
- Sun., Dec. 14:** **10AM** Trinity House Community Service (*more information below*)
5PM Mass, 6PM Meal

Last 5PM Mass and 6PM Meal of the Fall Semester is on December 14, 2008

5PM Mass and 6PM Meal Will Resume January 25, 2009

Congratulations to Sarah Rose Cordero, Christine Karver, Hilda Paucar and Monica Phillips for receiving the **Newman Scholarship for the Spring 2009 Semester!** Yay!

Candlelight Mass: Wednesday, December 10th at 9PM in the Dominican Chapel. Mark your calendar!

Trinity House, Catholic Worker House in Albuquerque (<http://www.trinityhouse.catholicworker.biz/>): Interested in making a meal for people who are homeless and serving them food? We will be volunteering at Trinity House on Sunday, December 14th. Meet at Newman at 10AM to carpool over to Trinity House. To sign up and/or if you have any questions contact Alicia Sedillo at asedill1@unm.edu.

Campus Ministry continued . . .

Young Adult Advent Evening of Reflection: Advent. Discernment. Prayer. All three of these words are full of a lot of deep meaning. At this evening of reflection we will be reflecting upon how we can get closer to God this Advent season through discernment and prayer. We will have speakers discuss different ways of prayer. And we will have a chance to use these different ways of prayer at the evening of reflection itself! It will be a evening of great reflection, community, and time with God. Saturday, December 13th at 5:30PM at the Catholic Center. Cost is \$10. Includes evening of reflection and an enchilada dinner. For more information pick up a registration on the campus ministry wall in the gathering space or contact Rosie, aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com.

If you have any questions on any Campus Ministry activities please contact the Director of Campus Ministry, Rosie Chinea at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.11.

SPECIAL INVITATION! To all married couples who are willing to assist engaged couples prepare well for the lifelong commitment of Christian Marriage. We're not looking for perfect couples; we are inviting couples who are committed to working at their marriages and are willing to help engaged couples learn the skills that will help them succeed in marriage. Come join us at a Sponsor Couple Workshop on **Saturday, December 13 from 9:30am to 3:30pm** at the Newman Center. We will use the manual "For Better and Forever," written by Fr. Bob Ruhnke and we'll be trained by the author, himself. Cost is \$15/person which will include lunch and the current manual. Financial assistance is available.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STORE will take place this year on December 13 at Target on Eubank and December 20 at St. Charles Borromeo gymnasium from 8:00 to 12:00. The Christmas Store is a project that was created to provide the parents of low income families the opportunity to "shop" for their children at the St. Charles gym amongst the vast donations of toys and books given by various organizations and individuals such as the Newman Center and its parishioners. Parents leave with a toy and a book that they were able to pick out for each of their children. Aside from this, parents also receive a voucher from the New Mexico Community Foundation to be used for clothes shopping at Target for their children. The New Mexico Community Foundation keeps an account for the Christmas Store with the money raised throughout the year via generous donations from organizations and individuals. Last year the Christmas Store was able to serve 400 children. This year, due to a decrease in funds, the goal is to serve 300 children. Volunteers are needed and welcomed and can serve as shopping escorts, translators, greeters, or gift wrappers. If you can help please contact Robin Sandler, at John Marshall Social Service Center at 848-1345. Thank you for your consideration in support of this cause during the upcoming Christmas season..

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 8**
- **Tuesday, December 9**
RCIA, 6pm, hang out
- **Wednesday, December 10**
Justice Walking, 6:15pm, hangout (Campus Min.)
Religious Formation, 6:30 pm, SCB
Candlelight Mass, 9:00 pm, (DC)
- **Thursday, December 11**
Campus Min. Faith Sharing Group, 5:30pm
(Hangout)
Quilters, 6:30pm, classroom
- **Friday, December 12**
Family Life, 8:00 am, (Aud.)
- **Saturday, December 13**
First Reconciliation, 10:00 am, (MC, GS, KT)
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm with Vigil Mass 4:30pm
Marriage Program, 9:30 am, (AUD.)
Youth Caroling, 5:30pm, (GS, KT)
- **Sunday, December 14**
Choir Rehearsals, 8-11am, rehearsal space
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:15 am, library
UNM Student Mass/meal 5:00 pm

†**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS** †

December 6	4:30 pm	Thelma Domenici-intentions
December 7	8:00 am	Pro Populo
	9:30 am	†David Piatt
	11:00 am	†John Lattanza
	5:00 pm	†Mike Pena
December 8	12:10 pm	Special Intention
December 9	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
December 10	12:10 pm	Ted Espinosa
December 11	12:10 pm	†Gladis Maresma
December 12	12:10 pm	Communion Service

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

HEALING LIFE'S LOSSES. Grief Comes in many forms: death, loss of status, job, youth, longtime pet, etc. There are many sorrows which weigh upon us. Share this day. ... Your presence is so valuable to the rest of us. The director is Joan Guntzelman, long time grief counselor and hospice member. Offering is \$25 for the day including lunch at the Spiritual Renewal Center. Call 877-4211 for more information.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Graduated from UNM? Another college? Working full time? Looking for a group of people (singles or married) in their mid 20's – 30's? Well you have found us! The Newman Center Young Adult Group is up and running! We have several things occurring in the next month!

- ◇ **Advent Faith Sharing Group:** Reflect upon scripture and bond with other Young Adults. **Mon., Dec. 15** at 7PM at Newman House. Call John Hager for directions (505.400.3390).
- ◇ **Advent Evening of Reflection:** Sat., Dec. 13, 5:30-11pm at the Catholic Center. Cost is \$10. Includes evening of reflection and an enchilada dinner. Registration deadline is Dec.1. For more information pick up a registration on the campus ministry wall in the gathering space or contact Rosie, aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the Young Adult List serve contact Susan Stevens (susan.m.stevens@gmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP: Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Year to Date Revenue:	Year to Date Expenses:
Oct. 2007: \$215,246	Oct. 2007: \$216,830
Oct. 2008: \$220,029	Oct..2008: \$226,830

Annual Catholic Appeal update: We have received a total of \$57,776 with an overall goal of \$52,000! To date, we have received three rebate checks from the Archdiocese.

Stewards need to give back to the owner that which is owed with joy. As we make ready to receive the owner's Son, we share with others the many gifts we have been given today and every day. Christmastime, the season of giving, is the culmination of a year of receiving God's gifts, tending them, and returning them with increase to the Lord. Mindful of this, we celebrate the greatest gift of all by remembering the true meaning of Christmas and by reaching out to all who have not yet heard the glad tidings of peace and joy in Christ. How can I extend this season of giving throughout the year?

JOB OPPORTUNITY for on-site Coordinator for Esperanza de Joaquin at mission site, Guanajuato, Mexico. Position is salaried, including living quarters, utilities, and vehicle. Must be bilingual. Send letter of interest and resume via email to Marialbq@aol.com, contact Mary Quinalty, at 265-1874, or go to www.joaquinshope.org.

