



# NEWMAN NEWS

## in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland



## One Man's Vision

George Joseph Goudreau, Sr. was a man who assessed situations, foresaw problems, and took action that solved those problems. George was born in the upper peninsula of Michigan and came to Cleveland with his family in 1914. He was enrolled in a Catholic grade school but was "put back" a few grades. He could read and write English at his grade level but he could not speak it fluently. He attended high school at the YMCA Preparatory School of Cleveland, working in the coat room to pay his tuition. He graduated in two years and was encouraged by his teachers to take the scholarship examination for Case Institute of Technology. He was awarded the scholarship and graduated in 1925 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

As a student at Case, George was a leader in the Newman Club. This was a group of Catholic students who shared an interest in learning more about their faith and who also gathered for social events and camaraderie. Newman Clubs had been established at many secular universities and were named after John Henry Cardinal Newman, a respected cleric and scholar, who wrote among other things "The Idea of a University". The Newman Club

became an important part of George's life and he later realized how this experience had helped him form the principles he carried into his family and business life. He went on to establish Goudreau Management Corporation, a developer of multi-family and commercial properties.

Remembering his Newman Club experience, George was always supportive of Fr. Hallinan (later Archbishop Hallinan), who was the leader of Newman Campus Ministry at Case. In the 1960's, after Vatican II, George began to sense a change in Newman Campus Ministry. The Catholic Church was transforming and so was campus ministry. He felt that Newman Campus Ministry was losing focus and wasn't getting the resources it needed to successfully guide Catholic students in their secular atmosphere. Enter, George Goudreau, a man who assessed situations, foresaw problems, and took action to solve those problems.

George met with Bishop Issemann, explained his concerns, and made a proposal. He would gather a group of Catholic businessmen, professionally assess the situation, and report back to the Bishop with recommendations. George gathered businessmen, lawyers, accountants, educators, architects

and others. They asked permission to establish a private foundation to be called the Newman Foundation of Northern Ohio. This group would help fund Newman Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. The foundation would also provide training for campus ministers, assist in programs for the students and establish Newman Catholic Campus Ministry Centers at selected campuses.

Bishop Issemann approved of the proposal and the foundation was established, funds were raised, and a Director was hired. In the early 1970's lay involvement in Newman Campus Ministry was starting to make a difference. Student involvement was increasing and students were learning about the role and responsibilities of Catholic lay people in the post Vatican II era. A Catholic Campus Ministry building was constructed on the Case campus called the Hallinan Center. In 1974, Bishop Issemann was succeeded by Bishop Hickey. At the request of the new bishop, the Newman Foundation redirected its efforts in support of the Newman Campus Ministry to sustaining and developing endowment funds, stewarding and distributing these funds, sharing skills, experience and insight with the campus ministers, promoting awareness of Newman ministry, and offering prayer and spiritual support.

The Newman Foundation that George Goudreau founded in 1969 is alive and vibrant today. It plays an important role in support of Newman Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. It makes grants for the continuing education of campus ministers, funds retreats, music and student involvement programs at seven secular colleges and universities in the Cleveland Diocese, and works closely with the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry.

George Goudreau died in 2005 as he approached his 102nd birthday. His vision and his unique ability to inspire others to join him in solving problems live on in the Newman Foundation of 2008 and beyond.

In July 2008, George Goudreau, Jr. advised The Newman Foundation that the Goudreau Family Charitable Trust will provide a matching grant of \$10,000 to support the vision his father had in the late 1960's of keeping a Catholic presence on the secular campuses through a strong Newman Campus Ministry.

*David A. Smith*  
Newman Foundation Board Member since 1982



*George Joseph Goudreau, Sr.*

## C<sup>5</sup> AT ASHLAND UNIVERSITY



To start the year, the student leadership team at Ashland set to work implementing the plan of action they forged this past summer at the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute in Philadelphia. The team's concept for the 2008-2009 school year is titled C<sup>5</sup> (Catholics Creating Catholic Community on Campus), a program that will incorporate an ecumenical outreach to the campus. In effect, the program would take the ministry out of the chapel and immerse the campus in a Catholic Community that will engage in everything from prayer, social events,

worship and even reach as far as the classes offered at the university.

Sporting their new T-shirts adorned with the new C<sup>5</sup> logo, the leadership team set up to cook out and provide drinks for the passing freshman students as they journeyed across campus for the first time as official students. The cook-out went so well the students hosted another on Labor Day with an intense game of whiffle ball following.

The rest of the fall semester activities are also in full swing. With mass attendance and freshman involvement skyrocketing, the rest of the campus has taken notice of the ministry's success. The president of the University, Dr. Fred Finks, came with his wife to join the students for Newman Night on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, and he was the kick-off speaker for the first discussion series of the semester, "Our Faith Stories."

Small groups are being formed to participate in events such as a leadership-based scripture study, the rosary, RCIA, Catholic prayer styles, and a devotional book club.

*Nathaniel T. Addington, NCCM Intern.*

### Wooster's First Annual

### "SPAGHETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU DINNER"



The Catholic Student Association at the College of Wooster hosted a delicious meal of non-campus food to help students get to know members of our community of faith on campus. The spaghetti sauce was a specially prepared recipe from Josh Clark's ('09) Italian family, and was a huge hit with the dinner attendees. Many new faces were there, as well as many students already involved in campus ministry. The dinner provided a great way for students "young and old" to mix with games, prayer, good food, and good conversation.

Plans for the Spaghetting-to-Know-You Dinner were developed by a team of four Wooster students and myself at the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute (CMLI) this past June at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, as part of our larger project to reach out to and welcome students into our faith community at the College. Our CMLI team, Josh Clark ('09), Eden Kovacic ('10), and Zachery Matesich ('11), were excited to see the plans come to fruition. A grant from the Newman Foundation supported travel to CMLI and part of the dinner cost.

The U.S. bishops identify "forming the faith community" as one of the primary aspects of campus ministry, and the Spaghetting-to-Know-You Dinner certainly helped to accomplish this. Jesus probably never shared a plate of pasta with the people He ministered to, but His words in the Gospel reading for September 7, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20), assure us that He was at our dinner as well.

*Karen Habn.*

## Senior Reflection

This is my fourth year being involved in leadership with Newman. I find this funny because when I first came to college I was frustrated with the Catholic Church. My heart ached for a church where people *wanted* to be there and truly worshipped God during the service. However, I decided to go to the first Newman Mass of the year. People were *excited*. It was strange to me to see young adults excited to be at church and embracing those around them. For the first time I could remember, I finally felt connected in worship with God and with those around me. Then I knew this is where I was supposed to be.

Throughout my four years as a part of Newman, God, experience, and the wonderful leaders that preceded me have taught me a number of things. All of them are connected by one central idea: Take the time to explore yourself, to find the light of God in your self and in others.

*Jason Klueber*

*Baldwin-Wallace College*

*Newman Student Organization*

*President 2006 - 2008*

## BIBLE STUDY AT CSU

We have had two lunch get-togethers thus far, one of which included a Mass by Fr. Greg Schaut, in one of the rooms of Trinity Commons next to Trinity Cathedral. This semester, we'll be studying Scripture and how we as Catholics approach the Bible. Also this semester, we are making students aware of parish events in which they may wish to participate at nearby St. Peter's Church.

We anticipate a good school year with strong student leadership. New students are coming in who are interested in being involved and deepening their faith. We are looking forward to our retreats and hope we can work toward greater visibility on CSU campus.

*Greg Stevens*

*"I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13*

## “FYSH?” *Can't They Spell at CWRU?!*

FYSH is the weekly small group program in University Circle now in its second year, and run by the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry (NCCM). FYSH stands for “First Year Spiritual Home.” Four CWRU students and their campus minister created it during the 2007 Campus Ministry Leadership Institute, while there on scholarships from the Newman Foundation. FYSH adapts elements of the RCIA and the Base Christian Communities movement in Latin America. Last year, thirty participants “beta” tested the program, and this fall, thirty more are “fyshing” for faith, hope, and love.

Eight first year students – FYSHers – form each group and meet once a week for an hour and a half during the semester. The meetings build a fun and powerful foundation for college life – socially, academically, and spiritually. FYSHers get to know others in their class who share their faith – those to whom they can turn in joy and sorrow during their college career. Of course, each week has time for snacks and catching up!

Each FYSH group has two Guides – upperclass Catholic students of faith who already know the ropes around campus. NCCM trains and connects the Guides weekly in a spirit of “unity in diversity.” Guest trainers include Joyce Kelleher (former Diocesan Secretary for Catechesis) and Sister Mary Ann Spangler HM. These Guides were commissioned and blessed at Holy Rosary during Sunday Mass. Each first year student is invited to meet, one to one, with a Guide every two weeks over coffee or a meal for some mentoring.

The buzz and success of FYSH last year caught the

## BW STUDENTS ARE CENTERED!

Baldwin-Wallace students gather on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for centering prayer at a local church in Berea. We have a great mix of students, some freshmen and some upperclassmen, joining together in community to share in the ancient form of prayer. The students were very open and eager to try this form of prayer and are looking for more new ways to pray and be in closer relationship with God.

*Mindy Kusblak*

## IT'S HAPPENING AT OBERLIN!

The year is off to a solid start with a nice mix of both returning students and new freshmen and programming to satisfy all.

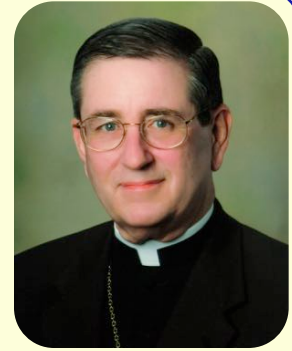
- The annual “Spaghetting to Know You” dinner.
- A scripture study on the Parables of Jesus.
- A journaling class “Creating Your Spiritual Autobiography.”
- A small group of students has begun to pray the rosary.
- The Newman Catholic Community hosted a three-part series on the Bishop’s document on Faithful Citizenship.
- Celebrating a special *Mass on the Grass*.

Our Masses are especially well attended and the ministries associated with them continue to attract students to serve. Music ministry especially continues to draw talented students and we alternate between contemporary and traditional music at weekly liturgies on campus.

*Debbie Dacone*

## BISHOP LENNON MEETS THE BOARD

Bishop Richard Lennon met with the Board of the Newman Foundation on September 10, 2008, for an open discussion. The Bishop noted that the Conference of American Catholic Bishops recently affirmed that its number one priority is catechesis, *i.e.*, the instruction and education of the faithful. The Newman Ministry is a catechetical endeavor and, as such, is enthusiastically supported by this Bishop. Bishop Lennon has a special interest in Catholic youth and young adults and he said that his interaction with young people has shown them to be extremely hungry for things of the spirit.



*Robert Lawry, Board Member*

attention of Evan Malone, who did not participate in FYSH, but wished he had. This Fall, having completed CWRU’s *Emerging Leader Program*, he is applying his skills as a FYSH Guide. While doing theological reflection as part of his FYSH training, Evan shared that he felt like Zacchaeus. “While I was looking on from a distance, Christ has invited me into action, and now I get to welcome Him on campus, through FYSH.”

*Tony Vento*

## UNIFIED PRAISE IN AKRON



What better way to start off Newman, than with a Unified Praise and Worship? Unified Praise and Worship was Cardinal Newman’s idea of unifying all Christians no matter the denomination and bringing them all together to worship. We had 40+ people on our first Wednesday, mostly new people who were either incoming freshman or transfer students. After introductions, Eric and Morgan (our President and VP), led us in worship. Following worship we then closed with dinner and socializing.

Newman is a place where you can come and grow as a family. I started coming to Newman when I was still a high school senior and a non-Catholic. Now, because of Newman I am Catholic. When I started leading Unified Praise I saw a lot of potential for every student to really get to know God and to let go of the fears behind praising the God we call our Father. We are so richly blessed as a community to have each other.

*Morgan Lewis (at left above)*



**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!**

Newman Catholic Campus Ministry is alive, well and growing on the non-sectarian college campuses within the Diocese of Cleveland. New religious, social and educational programs are underway for the school year. This chance for catechesis and spiritual development of our Catholic youth is a primary focus of the American Catholic Bishops and Bishop Richard G. Lennon.

We at the Newman Foundation are excited to support this goal by providing ongoing funding for NCCM. An exciting opportunity to raise additional funds for the Newman Foundation endowment is available because of the generous offer of \$10,000 by the Goudreau Family Charitable Lead Trust as a challenge grant to raise matching donations. Every dollar that is contributed up to \$10,000 between now and year end will be matched! This will help us to increase our

assistance to campus ministers and students for educational activities, retreats, music, liturgy, spiritual direction, service projects, and much more.

The reward for supporting the Newman Foundation and Newman Catholic Campus Ministry is a strong Catholic presence on our college campuses. Students have the opportunity to be actively involved in their faith during a critical time of formation.

Your donation to the Newman Foundation helps us grow our endowment and increase our ongoing funding of the ministry. With this matching offer from the Goudreau Trust, your gift will be doubled. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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*The Spirit is a Movin'*

The campus ministers from the seven campuses we serve are fueled by their renewed energy and the hope they all have for a great academic year ahead. Contributing to that enthusiasm are the many first-year students who are responding to our invitations to come and share in a vibrant organization (Newman) that offers many ways to grow in faith and love for God and for the Church. Many returning Newman members are stepping forward into leadership roles at the very time when they are most needed. In my eight years of association with campus ministry in the diocese, I have never seen this kind of enthusiasm on such a broad scale. In the words of a wonderful "folk hymn" from the 1970's, "The Spirit is a Movin' "!

*Bill Miller  
Secretary for Catechetical Services*

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