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Tomorrow's Leaders for the Church:

Developing Leaders for Campus Ministry

What happens if we see leadership as a ripple effect that comes from the quest for authentic lives as persons and as communities? I believe leadership is a calling for everyone, each in one's own way, in one's own spheres. It results from journeying toward an undivided life - interiorly, interpersonally, and publicly - integrating who we are with what we do. Our Newman Catholic Campus Ministry encourages this through adult faith development, appropriating the riches in Catholicism.

This interior journey grounds "Seven Common Practices for Life-Giving Newman Leadership." Those who come forward to lead Newman are asked to grow in these ways:

- Embrace Newman's mission and core values.
- Involve others beyond the usual folks.

- Work joyfully and hard as leaven for the Reign of God on campus.
- Collaborate and actively communicate with other leaders.
- Mentor and be mentored.
- Encourage each other.
- Tend one's spiritual growth.

This is the context for our "leadership tree" - a graduated system of apprenticeship applied throughout Newman. We also regularly participate in campus leadership development programs - too many to list here. From this fertile ground there is an abundance of Life that grows in service to more Life, now and forever!

Tony Vento, Case Western Reserve University

Baldwin-Wallace College

A Freshman Leadership Team

Seven students are participating in the Freshman Leadership Team this year at Baldwin-Wallace College. Every spring semester, freshman who have distinguished themselves through involvement and leadership potential during the fall are invited to be members of this team. Together with a campus minister, they meet four times throughout the semester for team building exercises and leadership development. The overall goal of the meetings is to help the students understand the term "vocation" in its broadest sense while giving them an opportunity to discern their own gifts that can be used in service to the Church on campus. "A Student Leader's Guide to Campus Ministry," published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, provides the framework for matching students' gifts with aspects of campus ministry. Many freshmen often do discern that they are being



called to formal leadership in the Newman Student Organization, but the hope is that they are gaining skills that can be used beyond this organization and their time in college. Beginning with their participation in the Freshman Leadership Team and continuing through their leadership in the following years, they learn how to work collaboratively with others, how to take major responsibility for programs and events and, most importantly and uniquely, how to serve as servant leaders on campus.

Kirsten Vilinsky

Leadership - The Student View

One Opportunity Leads to Another

Hello! I am a junior at the College of Wooster. My sophomore year, I served as the Service/Social Justice Chair for Catholic Students Association. This leadership position was rewarding in many ways, especially since it was a position in one of the most important aspects of my life—my faith. From this experience, I learned the importance of being involved in your faith and sharing that faith with others. I believe God blessed me with strong communication and leadership skills, and I felt He was calling me to share them with His church. Leadership positions in religious organizations are something I would suggest to any of my peers as an opportunity to grow and share in one's spiritual journey.

This opportunity also led me to greater ones—I am now a college representative on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. This has been an amazing experience, and I have learned so much about the Church from this. It is also important to me because I bring a different perspective to the table (as a young college woman). It has inspired me to stay involved in the Church.

Jackie Komos, Wooster

Student Music Minister

Newman has provided me with invaluable opportunities to grow and develop my faith. As Student Music Minister, I attended an empowering and informative conference at St. John's University on the current state of music within the Liturgy. This experience has helped me reflect on every detail of music ministry at Oberlin. Additionally, the opportunity to lead and organize a group of talented, vibrant musicians has been so enriching for me. I have participated in music ministries for nine years, but the opportunities that Newman has provided for me have shaped me into a leader of the future.

Val Karuzis, Oberlin



Campus Minister Debbie Dacone provides comprehensive music formation for Val Karuzis at the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Ashland University

The Ripple Effect

Even as spring approaches, it is still hard to comprehend that it has almost been a full year since I graduated from Ashland University. It's even harder to believe that it has been almost five years since I first set foot on campus as a nervous freshman. Now, looking back on my time spent at AU, it is simple to pick out the things that made the difference, those moments that shaped my undergraduate career. Out of all the clubs, organizations, classes, lectures and exams, nothing has impacted me more than my time spent with Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM).

It is sad that a small amount of time and distance causes so many friendships to fade. Yet, my friendships created out of CCM are still very much alive and thriving, even with many hours and miles between them. Perhaps, as Saint Augustine commented, a true friendship will only develop when it is created and bonded by the Holy Spirit. Only with the foundation of a strong and trusting community, based in friendship, can a movement of the Spirit within a group of people, be they college students or anyone else, ever take root and grow.

Now a campus ministry alumnus, I use this same approach in my own ministry. I am nearly a year into my position (does that make me a veteran yet?) as director of youth and young adult ministry at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church in Toledo, Ohio. The movement we have seen rise up here in Toledo bears a striking resemblance to what can be found in Ashland. Both are communities of believers who, while continuing to grow in faith together, begin to reach out to those around them in order to share the good news that is Jesus Christ.

Where would I be without having CCM in my life? Assuredly, I would not be in active ministry, and this ripple effect, that has now left Ashland and is working its way through Toledo, would not be making the impact that it is today. Where the ripple leads to next is in the hands of God. But it, like His love and mercy, will surely be endless and inescapable.

Nathaniel Addington

Oberlin College

Leadership Reflections

I absolutely love my chosen profession as a Newman Catholic Campus Minister. But I definitely don't minister alone. I identify the gifts and talents of the students I mentor and invite them to join me in serving the Church on campus.

Catholic Christian leadership is more than doing, however. It's a way of life, it's a state of being, it's a process of becoming. We are the light of the world and students lead by providing the Catholic perspective to academic classroom discussions, by inviting others to Mass and other Newman events, by offering sound guidance in word and deed to someone seeking, by reaching out beyond our immediate community, by being counter-cultural when it would be easier to go along.

Debbie Dacone

University of Akron

Student Leadership Team

Leadership training provided to Newman team members (CMLI – Campus Ministry Leadership Institute) has assisted students with program planning, communication and organization. For example, Newman-sponsored programs began with an opening year Mass in the University student center and continue each Wednesday with guest speakers ranging in topics from apologetics to prison ministry. On Wednesday March 3rd, in collaboration with St. Mary Parish of Hudson, Newman Campus ministry sponsored XLT (an intense experience of prayer, worship and adoration) attended not only by Newman students but also people from surrounding parishes.

A goal of our Newman Leadership Team has been to provide ministry service for the Newman “last-chance” Mass on Sunday evenings during the school year at St. Bernard’s. Since January, Matt Fafarak has joined Newman Campus Ministry as music coordinator. He directs and instructs students in liturgy planning and music ministry. Students volunteer as lectors and servers. In the fall of 2009, twelve students were commissioned as extraordinary ministers of communion and distribute communion when needed. This active participation of Newman students in liturgical ministry stems from their identification of needs over and above the once a week gathering of Newman students and shows how students are part of the “wider” church.

The student leadership team is commended for their service and dedication to the mission of Newman Catholic Campus Ministry. Whether through structured leadership formation or their willingness to plan and communicate better, the team ensures a continued interest in Newman Catholic Campus Ministry and the overall Catholic community.

John Szarwark



Akron leadership team at the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute in Philadelphia, June 2009.

Leadership - The Student View

Educate the Whole Person

Although young people go off to college under the auspices of getting an education and increasing their earning potential, the true purpose of college is to provide a safe place to educate the whole person, learn about oneself and practice handling adverse situations. For me, this purpose has been fulfilled through Newman leadership, where I learned how to be a servant leader. I learned how to slowly coax the abundant potential out of students, and inspire leadership in others. The legacy of my time with Newman has been helping others to learn and grow as servant leaders in Christ.



*J.P. Grouly, CWRU
President, Newman Catholic Student Association.*

How Being a Leader Has Helped Me

I've learned new skills and have met numerous people through my leadership role in Newman Catholic Campus Ministry. The leadership skills I've learned have even been helpful outside of Newman, for such things as organizing group work on class projects. I've learned to communicate better as well, a crucial skill for life after college.

Having leadership experience has opened a number of doors for me. For instance, I was offered my current internship largely because of the leadership experience I have gained through Newman. Additionally, being a student leader has helped me meet some very interesting people, including the Dean of Students at Cleveland State. Last, but in my opinion most important, being a Newman leader has allowed me to help build up a diverse and active community for Catholic students on campus. The Newman community at Cleveland State has grown tremendously the past couple of years and I'm glad that I've been given the chance to help make that happen.

Overall, my student leadership experience has been extremely positive and fulfilling. It's interesting to learn how to set up and advertise events on campus and what it's like to help run a student group like Newman. I would recommend leadership to any student who loves Newman and can dedicate the time required. As I've learned during my time in Newman, student leadership is very rewarding and I feel the time I've spent with Newman has been vital to my development both as a Catholic and as a person.

Michael Herdmann, Cleveland State

President's Message



It is a privilege to serve this year as President of the Newman Foundation of Northern Ohio for the Diocese of Cleveland. It is exciting to observe busy college students come together in a social environment to learn more about their faith, as lived out in the Catholic Church; and how they can assume a more active leadership role now and in the future.

Guided by eight enthusiastic campus ministers serving the secular colleges and universities in the Diocese, students develop friendships and leadership skills in support of the Catholic faith. While some have a special interest in music, others take time to learn

more about parish council or possibly the role of deacons. These young leaders of today will be the leaders of the Catholic Church tomorrow, and they will be qualified to assist the Pastor in the operation of a viable Parish.

Today, all those affiliated with Newman Campus Ministry, from Bishop Richard Lennon, to the campus ministers, the students and those who support the Newman Foundation financially, are helping prepare qualified lay and religious leaders for the future growth of the Catholic Church.

To all, a sincere thank you ...

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On Becoming a Leader

The point is not to become a leader.
The point is to become yourself,
and to use yourself completely
– all your gifts, skills, and energies –
to make your vision manifest.
You must withhold nothing.
You must, in sum, become the person
you started out to be,
and to enjoy the process of becoming.

*from "On Becoming a Leader"
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