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"Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!"

Psalm 96

Greetings beloved in Christ,

This fall has been a challenge beyond what could ever be imagined. So many have had to struggle for some of the simplest things that life offers to us. This did not exclude our faith. One of the most profound novelties of the Catholic Church, different from every other world religion, is the incarnational relationship with God Himself. This happens, above all, in the sacramental life of the Church. As we have seen during this time, the sacraments are not merely something that can be broadcast. The sacraments make true and present what is hidden within them — a body, blood, soul and divinity interaction with the God of the universe. The sacraments are water, bread, wine, oil, laying on of hands. The sacraments are a whisper: 'this is my body, this is my blood', 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', 'I absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' A soul, designed and created in the fires of God's love, needs communion with that same God. The heart loses itself without the divine touch of grace in the sacraments. We have seen hearts both lost and searching and hearts coming alive in the light of the Gospel this past semester. Connecting hearts to Jesus Christ and empowering them to live out the call to lead others as they have been led is the heart of our mission. Zoom is helpful, it is not the answer. Livestream Mass is helpful; it is not the answer. Drive through confessions are effective, they are not the longterm solution. We have been doing the best with what we have, to serve with joy and hope. But the heart longs for more — it longs for a deep and lasting relationship with its creator. The semester has taught us many things. It has shown us the things we do very well. It has shown the things that we do not do very well at all. And it has shown us things that just do not need to be done anymore. We have seen that we need to go back to the basics: Seek First the Kingdom of God. To go back to our baptismal promises and graces, to live them out well. Do you renounce Satan — I do! Do you renounce his empty work and show — I do! Do you renounce sin and death — I do! Do you believe in God the Father almighty — I do! Do you believe in God the Son — I do! Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit – I do! This is our faith, this is the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it. Friends, family and alumni: we invite you on mission with us! The world needs Jesus now more than ever. The loperCatholic community here is determined to go deeper in their faith and to bring other students to Jesus by sharing the Gospel with them. We need your prayer. We need your financial support as well. May our spring semester be one of incarnation – one of communion with the sacramental grace of God. May God bless you all,

Fr. Hock

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In their own words, residents describe life at the Newman Center

"Human beings desire what is lasting and we search for something that will last when we are in college; to seek in hopes to find something that will last us through life. God, by his very nature, is lasting - He is eternal - and as Christians we know that in today's age seeking that which is eternal is very difficult. We desire and need others to pursue God with, to pursue the eternal with us and make us light the world like a coal that has been set ablaze with a fiery light by and with those around it. At the Newman Center, we desire the eternal, to gaze into the starlit skies and say as St. Andrew Avellino: 'O my feet, one day you will tread over those stars'."

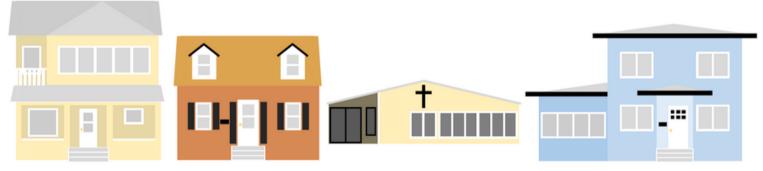


Jonathan Drozda



Rose Sullivan

"Living at the Blue House has shown me what it's like to live with women who are continually trying to love and serve each other better. The love and care that is shared has given me peace and confidence in who I am as a daughter of Jesus Christ. Through the joys and struggles of college, this community constantly gives me hope that I am not alone."



Artistic rendering by Kendall Grossnicklaus, Community Formation Director

"Living just a few steps away from the chapel, from Jesus Christ present in the Tabernacle, has been truly influential in helping me to grow in my relationship with God. It makes it so much easier to pop in for a quick prayer anytime throughout my day, whether I'm bored or sad, happy or excited, or somewhere in between. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to live at the Newman Center."



Jacob O'Grady



Grace Vinton

"The loving community and my roommates have helped me grow so much in faith and self-worth. The staff truly cares for me not only as a resident but rather a daughter of God, and they are always open to help with anything."

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