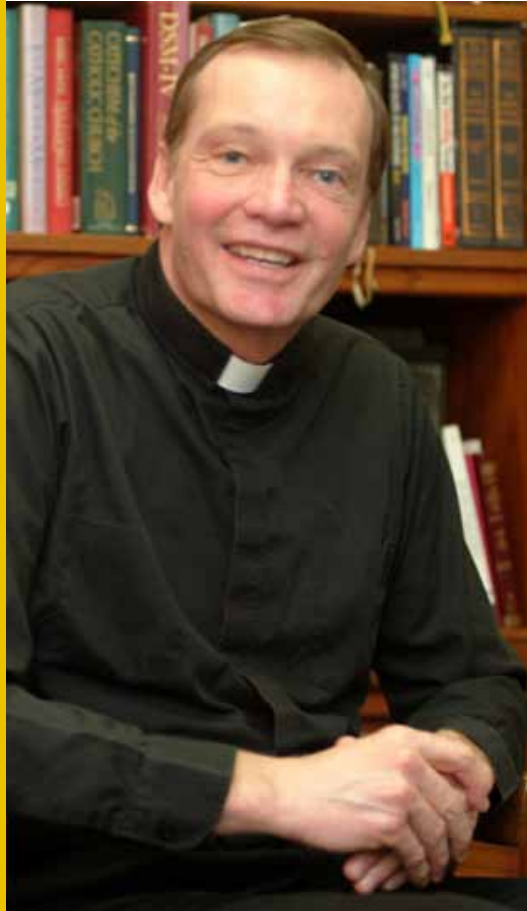




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# Letter from the Director

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It is celebrated in such a simple yet profound way where it doesn't have not all the trappings of Christmas and other holidays but it is just an opportunity for us to gather with love ones and have a meal, pray and express and gratitude to God and to others for the blessings we've received. Having just passed Thanksgiving, a sense of gratitude leads us into the Holy season of Advent.

Advent is the time of preparation for Christmas and as we go through the scriptural readings during the season of Advent we are focused on the hopeful expectation that Christ will take on Human nature and transform our humanity with his divinity.

Advent should be a time then when we reflect more on our lives. It is a time when we, like the Blessed Mother, wait expectantly and patiently. Patience is not an easy virtue to practice. We live in such a hectic and activity filled world that it's hard for us to sit down and be with the Lord. The key to Advent's challenge of patience is listening. I would like to suggest that during this holy season we carve out time form our busy lives each day; maybe just five minutes to listen to what the Lord is saying to us, and what parts of our lives need to be transformed by his divinity. Mary again is the example and perfect way to patient endurance.

At the beginning of Advent, the students are focused on final exams and papers. The fall semester seems to have flown by so quickly as it always does. I am grateful for the opportunity to minister to these wonderful young Catholics as they've gone through the fall semester. I can see growth both in their personality development and in their faith lives. What a privileged position the staff of the Newman Center have by seeing this transformative nature in lives of young adult Catholics.

None of our programs would be possible without the generosity of those who support us. In gratitude I give thanks for you, our benefactors, and your continued support of the mission of the John Paul II Newman Center.

May the blessings of the infant Jesus be on the students, you, and the staff of the Newman Center. May we as a ministry of the Church be transformed of the great feast of the Incarnation.

Christmas Blessings,

*Rev. Patrick M. Marshall*  
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Father Patrick M. Marshall,  
Director and Chaplain  
John Paul II Newman Center



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# Integritas Institute

## Ethics in the Fall Semester

The Integritas Institute for Ethics is wrapping up a very exciting and successful fall semester for the two branches of its ethical programming, in the medical school as well as the College of Business. The medical ethics lecture series was geared towards the students in the College of Medicine, and drew large numbers of students with topics entitled “MDs in the Missions,” “Black Market Organs and the Ethics of Transplantation,” and “The Role of Spirituality in Pediatric Oncology.” The medical students are always appreciative of the opportunity to discuss topics that are not typically covered in the classroom.

The business ethics branch of The Integritas Institute has also had a great semester with a successful lecture series. After expounding upon the Honor Code (which the Integritas Institute had written and the university later adopted), the lecture series challenged students to “write a resume for life.” A solid foundation of ethics in one’s academic and personal life will pay huge dividends in their professional lives in the future, because true success in life is not measured in dollars.

By far the biggest success of the fall semester was 2010’s Business Ethics Conference, entitled “More Than Money.” The conference examined Pope Benedict’s recent encyclical, Charity in Truth. The presentations, given from perspectives of business, law and academia, each posited that the Church’s social teaching has some genuine wisdom and solid ethical principles to offer. The more than 200 attendees learned that in an increasingly globalized world, businesses and state institutions should work together for the healthy development of peoples and economies; an ethical vision rooted in human dignity, generosity, stewardship, and corporate social responsibility.



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# Christian Leadership Formation (CLF)

**“What is the one most important thing our society needs?  
Oh, that’s easy...World Peace!”**

*By: Lany Fernández, Senior, Latin American Studies*

**“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”**

*-Helen Keller*

I can boycott all the corporations that do not respect basic human rights from now until I die. I can pass out flyers until environmentalists permanently blacklist me. I can argue about all the social justice issues affecting our world until my tongue falls out and your ears bleed. I can do all that, but I alone will only be able to accomplish so much. That is why I decided to become a Student Ambassador for the Newman Center Social Justice Group. Thus far, we have discussed immigration and homelessness. Within the next few weeks we are tackling hunger. Through our events, we are able to create awareness about numerous social justice issues affecting our community—issues many are not even aware of. We inform fifteen, fifteen inform thirty, thirty inform seventy-five, and so on. By creating awareness, I alone can become us together, and us together can get so much more accomplished than I alone. Us together actually stands a chance at making a difference in the lives of those who are ignored, abused, and forgotten. Us together can actually make the world a better place for everyone. And that, my friends, is the ultimate goal.

**\*Miss Congeniality**



Through opportunities for worship, faith formation, service to others, and Christian fellowship, the Newman Center seeks to fulfill the spiritual needs of the student community at UIC. The college years are a crucial time for inquiry and reflection, a time when most are confronted with deeper philosophical and spiritual questions. The Newman Center provides a supportive environment in which students can explore their faith life and strengthen their Christian foundations.

Ultimately, the goal of the Newman Center is to help students to grow and develop in their faith in Christ, and to send them out into the world upon graduation as strong, dedicated Catholics who make faith a priority in their lives and serve as congregants and leaders in their parish communities. We recognize that our students will be the future leaders of the Church and of society, and feel called to help them on their journey of faith and moral development through worship, education, and opportunities for Christian leadership.





# Blessed Newman's Beatification



On Sunday, September 19, 2010 I was privileged to be able to stand with thousands of others to witness the beatification Mass of Cardinal John Henry Newman, a 19th century prelate and renowned theologian. In Cofton Park, near the city of Birmingham, England, the pope declared Cardinal Newman to be blessed. I have been a Newman chaplain at the Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago for the past 20 years. This moment for me was very uplifting; it gave me a deeper appreciation of the person and works of Cardinal Newman. It gave me an appreciation of how his theology has influenced so much of the thought of Catholic writings in the 20 and 21st centuries.

The students at my Newman Center at UIC often think that the Center was named after Paul Newman. Many times over the years, I've explain to them that it was named for Cardinal John Henry Newman. Cardinal Newman was a man of prominence, an Anglican by birth who was ordained to the Anglican priesthood at the age of 24. His initial assignment as an Anglican priest was to a parish where he loved to work with the poor. Gradually he began to develop a theology through his intensive writings and his deep spiritual reflection. He was transferred from the parish to be the university chaplain at Oxford and in those years his thinking developed further.

He decided at age 44 to enter the Roman Catholic Church and 2 years later became a Catholic priest. He said at one point that he prayed with a pen always journaling the events of his life in light of his deep faith. So many writings of Cardinal Newman are famous today and have impacted the 20th century, Vatican Council II and the development of modern theology. As Newman wrote in one of his many fine sermons, "A habit of prayer, the practice of turning to God and the unseen world in every season, in every place in every emergency – prayer I say has what may be called a natural effect in spiritualizing and elevating the soul. A man is no longer what he was before; gradually he has imbibed a new set of ideas. And become imbued with fresh principles.

He says, "I want a laity, not arrogant, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it."

Cardinal Newman also had a great understanding of what it means to be a university, a place where differing opinions are expressed in a credible understandable way so that a student maybe able to form his or her opinion about what to think, believe and act on. For Newman a university is not a university unless it has a department of theology. Newman believed that theology was the science that rooted all others. He further explains this in one of his more amazing books on the *Idea of a university*.

While the ideas and theology of Newman are important one of the things that struck me in my visit to Birmingham was his love of being a parish priest. He founded the Birmingham oratory in a poor section of the city and reached out to the poor where he discovered even more vividly the face of Christ. I was privileged the day before the beatification to say a private mass in Newman Oratory; I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit there and also the intensity of this great man. After the mass I went to the Newman altar and prayed that our Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago could be blessed more abundantly by our patron Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman.

Heart speaks to Heart, Newman's motto, how much can we learn from this special man and from his writings that talk about the responsibility of the laity, well educated, deeply grounded in faith and spirituality and how important education is to the development of the Christian soul.

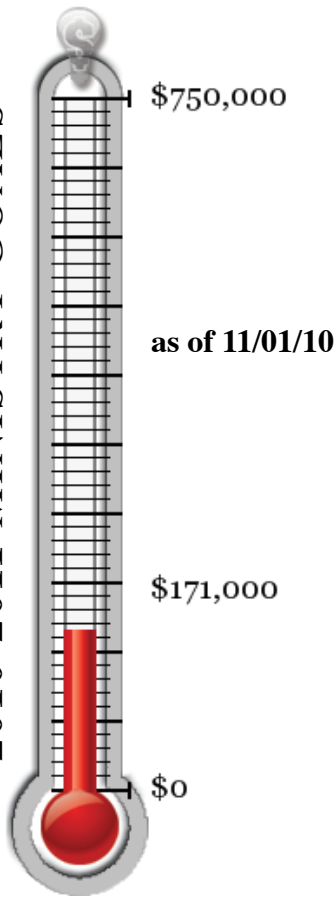
For further readings, for further understanding of Newman I would encourage you to read *Aplogia Pro Vita Sua* which is the autobiography of Newman or *Loss and Gain*; the story of a convert or *Idea of a University*.

Please pray that the Newman centers may reflect their founder to be places of grace, education, faith and love. Places where hearts speak to hearts.

**Rev. Patrick M Marshall,**  
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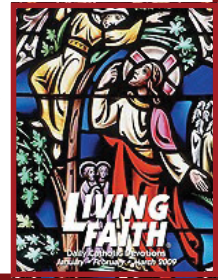
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