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BE BRAVE DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST*

Christmas 2018

To Friends of Newman Centre

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Dear Friends of Newman Centre,

An Italian teenager and a Pope were canonized at the Synod on Youth in Rome this Fall. Saint Paul VI had beatified Nunzio Sulprizio saying, **“Nunzio Sulprizio will tell you that the period of youth should not be considered the age of free passions, of inevitable falls, of invincible crises, of decadent pessimism, of harmful selfishness. Rather, he will tell you how being young is a grace.”** As a strong advocate for youth and discernment, his words ring true even 50 years later.

Today, Canada has the widest gap in religious practice between younger and older generations according to a 2018 Pew Research Study. Many young people identify their religious affiliation as “nones”. They do not know what to believe in and question not just the existence of God, but the need to believe in Him. How comfortable should we be with the idea of a generation of “nones” becoming tomorrow’s teachers, builders, healthcare providers, and leaders of society?

The answer to this question tells you why our mission at the Newman Centre is so important. We work hard to attract the young thinkers and leaders at university to public lectures like Dr. Mary Eberstadt's How the West Really Lost God held in November, and the upcoming Not God's Type: From Atheism to Catholicism by Dr. Holly Ordway on March 7, 2019. All in all, we provide young people the opportunity to become intellectually and spiritually mature Catholics. **With your help we can continue our programs that equip these students with the tools to prepare themselves to deal with the secular world.**

Samuel's story

Samuel Klumpenhower belongs to the millennial generation. He converted to the Catholic church and was baptized in 2010. He was introduced to Newman Centre by a Newmanite when he began his PhD. As his love of the liturgy and understanding of Catholic faith blossomed, he realized he did not want to live and study alone, but needed community. He found that sense of belonging at Newman Centre and became a Student Campus Minister in his first year. He then went on to spend another four fruitful years building strong friendships and mentoring younger students whose questions on faith and God had echoed his. **When asked what his life would be like if Newman Centre were not here, he said one word: “Lonely”.** Just as the Newman Centre encouraged and enriched him, Samuel encourages young Catholics to understand that their faith means being brave and sharing the Good News.



*Samuel Klumpenhower
at Newman Centre.*

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Canada has widest gap in religious practice between generations

— Pew Research Study (June 2018)

- Canadians believe the religious practice of their grandchildren will be weaker than their own.
- 80% of youth drop all affiliation with the Church, especially while experiencing transitions in their lives.

These opportunities to discuss the vital links between faith and reason are reinforced through the personal and spiritual development programs such as Interior Freedom and Mentorship at Newman. Our focus on forming socially-responsive Catholics led to the launch of the six-part *PovertyCure* series with Andreas Widmer (author of the Pope and the CEO). Our monthly Genesis meetings bring together students and professionals to discuss the correlation of faith and science. Thanks to the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild, Rev. Dr. Andrew Bennett (Program Director, Cardus Law) presented a talk on Championing Religious Freedom in the Public Square at Newman.



Andreas Widmer at the PovertyCure Launch screening in September 2018.

Many skeptical students who come through our doors are welcomed by their peers who have learnt through Newman's programs how to answer the secularized erasure of evidential Catholic teaching. **Much of this is possible thanks to the generosity of our donors. In this season of giving, we need your help to continue to provide these tools to strengthen the young Catholic leaders and missionaries of tomorrow.**

Your gift of \$100, \$250 or \$500 will go a long way in encouraging more of our youth to stay with the Church and to become brave disciples of Christ. Please join us in our ministry for Christ.

With thanks and warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyful Christmas season.



Fr. Peter Turrone

Pastor & Executive Director

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Subsidizes student leaders' cost to attend our intensive leadership training program.

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