

weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. Each week, we will highlight one of the six trips that will be offered this fall, spring and summer. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fundraising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Trips:

Spring Break: Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

Summer: Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Lucia
Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming
Carmen Pampa Fund, La Paz, Bolivia

Wind River Indian Reservation Wyoming

In June, a group of students will head to the Wind River Indian Reservation, where they will work with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at 3 different parishes in the Wind River region. Neumann students have been traveling to serve with Sr. Teresa and the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes in Wyoming for almost 15 years. At the three parishes, they will help sister with various upkeep projects including yard work, painting, cleaning and organization. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience cultural practices of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.

Sign up!

Search Retreat (for Upperclassmen)

Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 13

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this week in campus ministry

October 30, 2016

As the election draws near, it is easy to be discouraged by the options in front of us. One could argue that none of the four Presidential candidates for this election make you excited to run to the voting polls on November 8th. In an election filled with scandal and heartache, I cannot help but feel sad that the first election I can vote in, is one where I am less than excited to do so.

What makes this election even harder is trying to vote with a Catholic heart and mind. It has been a much more difficult task than I ever expected. Before sending in my absentee ballot application this week, I thoroughly researched the stances of each candidate along with the ones in my district. Unlike some of my more apathetic peers, I enjoy learning about and discussing politics because my views are consistently being challenged, shaped, and strengthened during these conversations.

As I sat and reflected about which candidates were the 'right' ones for the job, my mind would always come back to one conversation—the one that took place around my dinner table for the past three election cycles. I have listened to the opinions of my family and in recent years interjected with some unorthodox opinions of my own. What I miss about these conversations is the fact that faith was deeply integrated into every topic. Right, wrong, best, and better drove the conversations, and they

were not always easy topics and were always ones that my family and I could not quite solve over dinner alone.

In some instances they may have solved my concerns, settled my heart, and shaped my mind, not just politically though because my politics are different than my family's politics, but how my feelings were shaped about right and wrong. It helped me to think about the best way to serve the poor. It may not be as radical as Zacchaeus in Luke's Gospel tonight, but it still challenged me to be able to explore ways to love those around me. "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." These conversations inspired my love for social justice and press a deep stamp on my heart to go out and live a life that reflects the teachings of Christ. That, in my mind, is more important than any vote I will ever cast.

Now as I sit down and reflect deeper about this election, I keep the poor in mind and hope that the future leaders of our nations do as well. More importantly though, I reflect on the impact that each of us can make no matter who we vote for on November 8th. That if we love those around us deeply and have conversations about right and wrong and how to best empower those who need sup-

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Reflection by Kellie Waters '18

Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email campusministry@neumann.edu

what you may have missed...



RISES Planning group - stay tuned for more info about reflection



World Day of Prayer for Peace
Interfaith Prayer Service



Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Committee Planning
Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is Nov. 13-20!

Reading Reflection continued...

port, we can truly make a difference.

I encourage you all this week to reflect on the election with a heart that takes care of our neighbors and lifts one another up. I also encourage us to keep pushing for a truly just world. Finally, I encourage each and everyone one of us to pray for all those in leadership that they may protect, serve, and make decisions for this nation with a loving heart. I think that the second reading does a great job of giving us a wonderful prayer to pray:

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our

God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. (2 THESS 1)

To continue praying with us on the election come out to the CRSNeumann Candlelight Prayer Service:

“Election Reflection”

Monday, November 7th

8:00pm at the Grotto!

...what you CAN'T miss

Monday, October 31

Operation Hunger—1:00PM, Campus Ministry

Come make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be delivered to Catholic Social Services of Chester. Just stop by or sign up online!

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints Day Mass - 12:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, we will be observing the Holy Day at our regular Noon Mass.

Wednesday, November 2

Mass of Remembrance - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

During the Month of November, we remember all those who have died this past year. We will be remembering all members and family members of the Neumann Community who have died this past year with a special evening Mass. All are welcome.

Anna's Place - 11:00, meet in Campus Ministry

Sign up online to serve lunch at a soup kitchen in Chester.

Friday, November 4

Food Drive Launch - All Day, all over campus!

In conjunction with College Radio Day, we will be launching our Food Drive which will take place leading up to Thanksgiving. Look for events happening on campus as well as boxes for donations!

Sunday, November 6

Mass - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

Join us for some **SUNDAES** after Sunday Mass with some special guests!

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 6 - November 12



God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment.

— Pope Francis —