

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 fund-raising 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

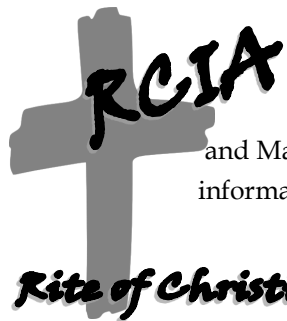
Carmen Pampa Fund, La Paz, Bolivia

Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre Gros Islet, St. Lucia

Just after the end of the semester, we will travel to the Caribbean to work at Gros Islet's multipurpose Pastoral Centre, working alongside its St. Lucian staff, and Sr. Frances Nosbish, OSF. At the Pastoral Centre, we will work on whatever projects staff finds most pressing at the time - this may be anything from painting and varnishing, to cleaning, yard work, and paperwork.

We will also have the opportunity experience the community in St. Lucia, visiting various Diocesan ministries including a nursing home, and an after-school program for students.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Stop by Campus Ministry
or contact Patrick McKenzie
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and Maria Marx (marxm@neumann.edu) for more
information about being baptized or receiving your
Sacraments.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



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this week in campus ministry

November 20, 2016

In life everyone is searching to find their "niche" - the place in the world where they fit in, the atmosphere that they thrive in. I found that niche at Neumann in Campus Ministry. My college experience has had an immense impact on forming who I am today as a Catholic woman. I was given numerous opportunities to step out of my comfort zone, grow, and serve those around me. The acts of service varied greatly: serving dinner to people experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia at St. Francis Inn, spending quality time with the Sisters of Saint Francis at the Assisi House, planting in a greenhouse in Camden, or trimming bushes and singing at nursing home in Lander, Wyoming. God's presence was so evident to me in those direct service experiences. However, I think my main form of service was ministering to the students at Neumann that I met every day. A wise person once told me that our main job in Campus Ministry is being present and meeting people where they

are in their journey. I have since then strived to do that very thing in my everyday life. I tried to do that at Neumann by starting conversation with those I encountered in Campus Ministry, in the cafeteria, and other areas around campus. In those moments of simple conversation and relationship building I was able to serve my community.

I am currently the Programs Associate at Franciscan Mission Service in Washington, DC. I work in our non-profit offices in an indirect service program. I complete the behind-the-scenes tasks so that our direct service programs can run smoothly. These tasks vary from processing applications, answering questions, facilitating meetings, planning programming sessions, and assisting our volunteers in whatever else they may need. What drew me to FMS was their emphasis on "ministry of presence," where the main mission of our organization is to build relationships with those around us. I have been able to practice ministry of

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Reflection by Amanda Saunders '16

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

what you may have missed...

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week



Sleep-out for Homelessness



Operation Hunger



Hunger Banquet

Reading reflection continued...

presence through living in intentional community with other volunteers and fellowship within the FMS office, and it has translated into my relationships from home. I think, now more than ever, each of us can benefit from being more present, putting our phones down during a meal, listening more than talking in conversation, or quietly sitting with someone who may simply need company. My prayer for each of you is that you can ex-

perience service, both directly through a Campus Ministry service opportunity and indirectly from serving your fellow students through ministry of presence. I hope, also, that you will be as fortunate as I have been and will be able to carry Neumann's value of service with you well after you have left the walls of campus.

...what you CAN'T miss

Monday, November 21

Last Day of Food Drive - Bring in a non-perishable item for the Food Drive! Boxes are in all campus buildings. **MOST NEEDED ITEM: BOXED STUFFING!**

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Mass - 12:00PM

At our daily Mass, we will pray in gratitude for our blessings as well as show our gratitude for Neumann's four recipients of Papal honors. The congregation will also receive bread to share at their Thanksgiving meals!

Sunday, November 27

Mass - 7:00PM

First Sunday of Advent celebration! Join us after Mass for some treats to celebrate the season of Advent.

Celebration of gratitude does not have to stop *after* Thanksgiving!

Join us for

Gratitude on Tap

Tuesday, November 29

8:30PM

Reflections by Fr. Thorne, Laura Strubeck and Stasha Whitfield!

Food for All, Beer and Wine for 21+

I thank you...

- ... for the times that I have been disgusted with the way things were and it caused me to do something about it.
 - ... for the times I was afraid, but still did what I knew should be done.
 - ... for the times I was tired and really enjoyed my rest.
 - ... for the times I was sad and learned to understand better, the sorrow of others.
 - ... for all the times I was lonely and grew in my appreciation of all those who love me.
 - ... for all the times I played and grew to love life, more each time.
 - ... for all the times I cried over what I wanted life to be and then found the strength to make it more than it was before I cried.
 - ... for the times I was depressed and feeling blue, because I should have been.
- For these and so many other things that make me, me - Thank You!

Happy Thanksgiving!