

weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. 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.

Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

In May, a small group will travel to Gros Islet, St. Lucia to serve with Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF at a pastoral centre which serves to meet various community needs in St. Lucia.

Carmen Pampa Fund

For the first time this June, Neumann students will partner with the Franciscan Mission Service (based out of Washington, DC) to travel to La Paz, Bolivia to participate in service projects and cultural immersion experiences alongside local Bolivian college students.

Wind River Indian Reservation

Neumann students will continue a long-standing tradition of journeying west to serve with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at the three Catholic parishes on Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.



Thank you for supporting our first two successful trips working with Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge!

If you would like to further support the 30 students participating in Service Immersion trips this spring and summer, visit:

www.neumann.edu/knightfunder

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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this week in campus ministry

March 12, 2017

Over spring break, 6 of my fellow Neumann students and I had the opportunity to travel to Mandeville, Louisiana for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is an international nonprofit Christian organization that partners with future and current homeowners to build simple, decent, and affordable housing for low to very low-income families. Their vision is to build a world where everyone has a respectable place to live. What makes Habitat so special is that volunteers and future homeowners work together in the building process. This is what made the trip so special for me. Having the opportunity to work together with the homeowners of two of the three houses we worked on was the best part of the trip. Seeing who they are, hearing their stories, and just talking to them about their life and the process they are going through to gain a house from Habitat was a gift. Learning about their life and hearing their stories made this trip unforgettable. Throughout the trip, we painted the exterior of two houses, put the finishing touches on the inside of another house and explored and experienced the culture of Louisiana. It was interesting to see the different steps that the houses go through. While we were working on homes that were al-

ready built and near time for move-in, another group of Neumann students were in South Carolina working on the beginning four walls of a house. At one of our houses we had the opportunity to meet the next-door neighbor. She was one of the nicest most kind people. Every day she would take pictures of the progress of the house and all the guests that were working that day. She has plans to use these pictures for a scrapbook for the new homeowner. She even went out of her way to provide lunch for the supervisors during the day. During our travels through this beautiful state we had the opportunity to talk to the local people. Surprisingly to me, Habitat for Humanity was a well-known organization. Everyone who we encountered seemed to not only know what Habitat does for the community, but so appreciative of all the work they do for people. They had a high value of praise for the work we were doing and were endlessly thankful. One man we met was so happy we were volunteering, because few years ago he lost his house to Hurricane Katrina, and Habitat helped him build a new house. He genuinely and wholeheartedly thanked us for our service with Habitat in the brief few minutes

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Reflection by Madison Beck '17

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what you may have missed...



National Catholic Sisters Week
Celebrations!

Reflection continued...

that we spoke with him. I believe that every student should take the opportunity to go a serve a population different from their own. Not only the gratitude, thanks, and praise that the locals and organization had for us, but also the team bonding, individual growth and fun that we had together made the trip worth every hour of fundraising that went into making the trip happen. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity Campus Ministry has given me. It was truly a trip of a lifetime!

"Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time ... We are all God's children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world – just respond to people's needs ... We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop."

- Mother Teresa

...what you CAN'T miss

Monday, March 13

National Catholic Sisters Week "Mission Monday" - 10-4, Campus Ministry
Stop by Campus Ministry for some snacks and to hear the sisters' stories.

Operation Hunger—11:30 AM, Campus Ministry
Come make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to be delivered to Catholic Social Services in Chester.

Tuesday, March 14

From Ireland to Aston— 8:00PM Student Multipurpose Hall
Join us for our next "on tap" to hear Sr. Marguerite's journey from Ireland to her lifetime of service with the Sisters of St. Francis.

Wednesday, March 15— CHARTER DAY!

Charter Day Mass—12:00PM, Mirenda Center
Join us for our extra special Charter Day Mass this year, with Cardinal Dolan as our celebrant, honoring Dr. Mirenda for her years of service to Neumann.
Leunissen Lecture—1:15PM, Mirenda Center
Immediately following Charter Day Mass, Cardinal Dolan will share a reflection on St. John Neumann and be presented with an honorary degree.

Thursday, March 16


St. Patrick's Day Bolivia Fundraiser—1:00PM, around campus
Catch the roving, cookie selling Bolivia service trip group as they walk around campus spreading St. Patrick's day cheer.

Sunday, March 19

Mass—7:00PM. Take a Rice Bowl to contribute to CRS during Lent!

From Ireland to Aston

Sr. Marguerite O'Beirne *on tap*



Tuesday, March 14
8:00PM
Student Multipurpose Hall
Zac's, Chick-fil-A and Drinks!
21+ Bring ID