

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

April 2, 2017

"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"
- Jesus

It is often very difficult to believe in the glory of God when one is experiencing the loss of a loved one in death. It is more often that we can connect with the sentiment of Mary who through her tears at the loss of her brother says to Jesus: "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." The Gospel says: "Jesus wept." Anyone who has lost a loved one in death easily relates to this scene.

Personally, I have experienced the loss of a dear friend, a Sister of St. Francis, who died prematurely from cancer, my parents and an older brother who also died too young. These losses in life have helped me look at my own life from a different perspective, especially since all died younger than I am now.

Today's Gospel on the raising of Lazarus from the dead is a very dramatic story. Jesus calls Laza-

rus forth from the grave, still tightly wrapped in burial cloths and says: "Untie him, and let him go free."

As I knelt beside the bedside of my dying brother several years ago, I pleaded through my tears that Jesus would "untie" his body from the ravages of cancer and restore him to health. Suddenly, however, soon after the priest administered the last rites, my brother's face was transformed into a peaceful gaze as he uttered his last words, "Thanks be to God." It was then I realized that in some mysterious way Jesus had "untied" him and freed his soul for everlasting peace.

In the words of an Irish poet:

I pray that you will have the blessing of being consoled and sure about your death and may your spirit feel the surge of true delight when the veil of the invisible is raised and you glimpse again the living faces of departed family and friends.

Reflection by Sr. Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF

Interested in writing a weekly reflection? Email campusministry@neumann.edu?

what you may have missed...

#NULent2017



Be sure to check out this year's #NULent series featuring our RCIA Candidates! Find the videos on NeuMedia's YouTube Channel or on any @neuministry Social Media pages! Featured so far have been Jaclyn Hahn '20, and Jessica Donovan '20 who will be receiving Confirmation, and Andrea Dela Cruz '17 who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation. Stay tuned for our last video featuring Ashley Girard '19 who will be receiving all of her Sacraments of Initiation!

...what you CAN'T miss

Wednesday, April 5

Assisi House—1:45PM-2:45PM, meet in Campus Ministry

Spend some time visiting and playing games with the residents of Assisi House!

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday Mass—7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

Reconciliation Service—following Mass

Join the RCIA candidates for a reconciliation service immediately following Mass on Palm Sunday. Lent, and the beginning of Holy Week, is a great time to take step back and remember to forgive and be forgiven.

Monday, April 10

Operation Hunger - 11:30AM, Campus Ministry

Only two weeks left of Operation Hunger this semester! Come make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be delivered to Catholic Social Services in Chester.

Sunday, April 16

HAPPY EASTER! There will be no 7:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, April 23

RCIA Mass - 7:00PM OLA Convent

Join us as we celebrate the Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation of 8 Neumann Students! This special Mass will take place in Our Lady of Angels Convent Chapel.