



Nothing is more peaceful and reassuring than trekking across campus to bring my concerns before Jesus in adoration and receive His strength and grace in communion.
—Austin, student

As I prayed during adoration, I said to God, “You are here, and I am your daughter”—Lauren, student



I attended mass with my daughter and was so taken by the devout service and energy of Fr. Jake. You are doing great work, in the midst of so much confusion on college campuses.
—parent

The vibrant ministries and community have given our son a firm foundation and a home.
—Kim and Michael, parents

As a freshman, I was welcomed into the Newman community. I went on retreats and developed a prayer life. My future is in His hands.—Claire, graduate

Small groups are a place to really experience deep relationships and to grow with the Lord.
—Lauren, SPO leader

With your financial help students receive the opportunity to say YES to God!

GOPHER CATHOLIC NEWS

The Fall Retreat: Experiencing the Lord’s Mercy in Community



Br. Matthew Warnez, B.H.
Managing Director of
Campus Ministry

Despite all the obstacles to campus outreach, 120 students attended our Fall retreat! Due to a change in COVID protocols, we moved the retreat from rural Wisconsin to St. Lawrence. Because the University limits gatherings to 25 students, we needed to facilitate a five-location simulcasted retreat within the walls of Saint Lawrence. We broadcasted our talks and testimonies from one space, while streaming the content to projectors in four other rooms. And, of course, we wore masks and spaced-out our seating arrangement.

As a result, the retreat felt smaller and a bit less serene than the usual environment. But God’s grace made up for the difference. On Saturday evening many, many students experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At one point, we had six priests simultaneously hearing confessions, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration in the Church. Because we could not sing, we thanked God in silence. God desires our hearts, not our voices. It was an extraordinary weekend of mercy, forgiveness, healing, and conversion.

In addition to an encounter with the Lord, the retreat allowed many students to experience the richness of Catholic community life. We have launched our bi-weekly small groups, allowing students to deepen their relationships with one another and the Lord. Whatever the pandemic brings as the next challenge to our ministry, God will provide for us.

This community of people seeking God is what I came to Newman for last year.—Emma, student



I am grateful for the connection my son found on the retreat during the pandemic.—Kathleen, parent

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Our Mission:

Sharing the abundant love of Christ as a university Catholic parish

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Pastor & Director

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Brotherhood of Hope Celebrates 40 Years of Renewing the Church



Father Jake Anderson
Pastor and Director

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.
-Psalm 133

The Brotherhood of Hope was formed in 1980 by our dear friend, Father Philip Merdinger. For nearly 7 years, the Brotherhood of Hope has played an active role in helping University of Minnesota students meet Christ and to experience a deeper conversion. The Brotherhood

of Hope represents the Catholic Church on 5 campuses across the United States.

Six brothers serve on our campus and live in the rectory. Campus ministry work with the Brotherhood is a joy. They are very single-hearted about the mission of spreading the good news. In these days of COVID-19, where so much is uncertain, the Brotherhood of Hope bears witness to the unbreakable bond in Christ that is stronger than all pandemics combined. He is indeed the true source of hope for all of us. We give thanks for this wonderful gift to the Church and especially to their work here at St. Lawrence.



Quite simply, the Lord wanted it, and made His intention known to me in a way I could never fully grasp, but had to recognize and obey – or not.
-Fr. Philip Merdinger, Founder



Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens will preside at the Installation Mass of Father Jake Anderson Sunday, December 6, 10:30am

To View Mass:

at our website homepage, scroll down to YouTube Live Feed and maximize screen

Live-streamed Mass

Every Sunday 8am

Gopher Catholic YouTube channel

Spotlight on Giving



Kathy Jo Peterson
Director of Development

To date we have received nearly \$33,000 towards our much needed Floor Campaign. Our gathering space is where we build relationships and welcome students and parishioners to grow in faith.

Covid-19 barriers make our retreat fund efforts more challenging, including students not given as many opportunities to share testimonials in local churches. Yet, contributions are coming in and we see the promises of the Lord daily.



Please contact me at 612-261-2811 to donate to our Floor Campaign or Retreat Fund. Thank you to our one spiritual family!

Your life, your legacy

If your Catholic faith is an important part of the legacy you hope to leave, this workshop with the former Director of Partner Relations of the Catholic Community Foundation can help.

Monday, January 11, 2021 10:30 am
Room B (masks required, limit 8 people) or via Zoom



Bill Marsella
Legacy Facilitator

Please RSVP to Kathy Jo Peterson in development at 612-261-2811 • kpeterson@umncatholic.org