



## Rolla Newman Newsletter – Summer, 2019

**The Spring Semester was filled with so many blessings.** A number of upperclassmen joined or became more involved with the ministry, and the Center was filled with students praying, studying, and spending time together at all hours of the day. A program called Exodus 90 made an enormous impact in the spiritual lives of many of our men. Several freshmen also joined our leadership team. One of our students will join the seminary this fall, and several others are actively discerning the call. In general, the students are open to God's will in the ministry and in their lives. We are ready and excited for the coming 2019-2020 school year.

Here are some of the major events from this past semester:

- February 22-24 – **Spring Retreat** at Camp David of the Ozarks
- March 13-16 – We hosted a number of social events for the week of **St. Patrick's Day** as well as our Alumni Dinner.
- March 25-29 – We traveled to Kansas City with students from the UMSL Newman Center to serve the poor with *A Simple House* for our **Spring Break Service Trip**.
- April 12-13 – We hosted a **Lock-In** at the Newman Center which consisted of many games and much prayer.
- April 16 – We elected a great team of **student leaders** for next year.
- April 18-21 – We entered into the **Easter Triduum** alongside the parishioners at Saint Patrick Parish.



Above: Our students celebrate Garren's initiation into the Church at Easter.



Father Clark with the students after the summer storms in Rolla.



Above: Father Clark delivers a talk on prayer at our Spring Retreat.

In February, we held a **Eucharist Centered Retreat**. The goal of the weekend was simply to encounter Jesus Christ in prayer, adoration, and community. Camp David of the Ozarks hosted us for the weekend. All of the students who attended had an incredible experience.

*Spring Retreat was an amazing weekend. Throughout it, but especially during adoration, I was able to more fully realize the magnitude of God's eternal love than I ever had before. Retreat helped me to dedicate myself to prayer, and since returning from retreat I have said night prayer every evening. Before retreat this might have seemed like a chore to me, but retreat helped me to look forward to those little moments with the Lord, both scheduled and spontaneous. I also grew closer to everyone on retreat. It was a much-needed break from the rest of the world.*

– Kim Daves, Freshman

### A Change of Pastors:

As many of you know, both of our priests are moving on to new assignments next year. Father David Veit served as our pastor at Saint Patrick Parish for three years. Father Clark served as our associate pastor for two years. He was also our campus minister for the 2017-2018 school year and continued as our chaplain through this past year. Both priests are greatly responsible for the continued growth of the campus ministry at the Newman Center. They brought Christ to hundreds of students in Rolla and they will be greatly missed.

Our new pastor, Father Greg Meystrik will arrive in Rolla at the end of June. In his previous assignment, Father Greg served as Diocesan Moderator of the Curia and pastor of two parishes in Argyle and Keoltztown. We are looking forward to having him as our new pastor and chaplain at the Newman Center.



Above: Our group picture at A Simple House during our Spring Break Service Trip.



The children of Saint Patrick Parish participate in our Easter Egg Hunt.



Father Dave and Father Clark receive parting gifts from our students.