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come students, parents, alums, and friends! With Meliora Weekend, you get two Cool Thoughts!

On October 9th is the Feast Day of our patron saint, John Henry Cardinal Newman. As John Henry Cardinal Newman of whom our community has taken our name was quoted as saying, "In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be ect is to have changed often."

his is a very interesting and thought-provoking statement for all of us who journey along the path of life...especially with the gift of our Catholic faith and as we celebrate with the University of Rochester, a renowned institution of higher education this Meliora Weekend . Why especially people of faith and eduction? Because faith and education share the desire to find the perfect. What we do and don't do brings us ever closer to the perfection of God and his knowledge for the world which is always beyond our sights but part of our search and quest as human beings. Change, if entered into correctly, allows us to discover the greater mysteries of life designed by God. We would be mistaken to say this journey or process was easy. It is not. But it is exciting! I can personally attest to this change, like all of us who are a little older! How much the world has changed? How much have we changed personally?

Take coming to the University. Mixed emotions are how many freshmen describe leaving home and going to a new place with new people. Scared, nervous, excited, and hopeful are some of the feelings we have making this and other changes in our lives. Recognizing these feelings are crucial in allowing us to make the decisions that are necessary, and which have a huge impact upon our lives. Likewise having good friends, family, and a faith community (like Newman) that truly support and challenge us will aid all decisions in this process to reach the perfection (union with God) we all so deeply desire. The change is bringing them to a higher state in every area of life.

It is likewise important, that in any time of change, to be sure life remains in good balance. Good advice for all of us who will be facing many changes in our lives. What do we value in our lives? Friends, family, learning, faith, prayer, work, sleep, sacraments, hobbies, something else or someone else? Each of these values must find expression in our lives...in ways that are representative of our values. If I value friends, but spend no time with them...what then becomes of me or my value? So too with any value we express as important. In our lives...ever changing...I think finding the balance is the hardest thing we shall ever engage in. Yet, it is crucial. In doing so, as Newman writes, we are seeking perfection. We here at the Catholic Newman Community are on this journey together. What a blessing it is to be growing towards perfection. Scary yes. But with everyone around us (hopefully) while working through life's challenges and goals. Cardinal Newman was right! Will you join us for the novena to St. John Newman and see what change is in store for you. See the QR code on the notice in this bulletin.

II. Catholic Chapel and Center Project

As I have said often, I pinch myself at the opportunity before all of us! And it is as close as ever with good news COMING VERY SOON! History is being made and today you are part of it. For those who don't know, working with the University we are about to construct a Catholic Chapel and Center right here on campus! As I said, NEWS IS COMING SOON! It is also so obvious that the Holy Spirit is the guiding force of this opportunity we are embarking upon to build a Catholic Chapel/Center here at the University of Rochester. Only could the Holy Spirit give us this opportunity; afford us a strong University partner; provide an amazing parcel of land; find lead over 450 donors to generously support this project where we are just over 90% of our fundraising goal. Some facts:

Theme: A Place to Pray, A Place to Gather, A Place to Grow

- •\$8.85M Project Cost
- •\$7.6M For construction costs
- \$1.2M For maintenance endowment
- •\$7.8M Raised to Date
- •Over 4500 donors to date

Over the next 8-11 months we will be raising the final projected need \$1.1M needed for design and construction. While this project has been more than 8 years coming we are on the final steps to address our growth in numbers, the limits of the current chapel, the need for space to offer pastoral care and a worship environment for every Rochester student! Earlier this month we received formal approval from the University of Rochester Board of Trustees Facilities Committee. Very soon we expect final approval from the University's Board of Trustees. Once received, construction is estimated to take 11-12 months while we close the fundraising gap to make certain we are able to build everything we need. Be on the lookout for an announcement for our TOWN HALL (ZOOM) to share new renderings, and provide many more details of this historic project along with the remaining naming opportunities which still exist!

God bless you, thank you for being here to celebrate and may the Holy Spirit bless and protect you and your family, our students, our Church, the University, and our world. Peace, Fr. Cool

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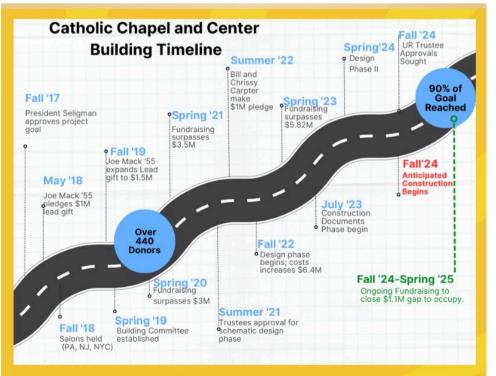


CATHOLIC LIFE AT ROCHESTER TODAY

- 30% of undergraduate population
- 900 registered; 75 leaders of 100 programs; Mass for over 350
- Chaplains need space for pastoral care
- Need for a dedicated Catholic chapel on campus
- Outgrown Interfaith Chapel capacity



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GET INVOLVED





This Week: Mon, Tues, Thurs Daily Mass 12:30pm Sanctuary

Monday September 16

Men's Bible Study I 6:30pm Conference Room Women's Bible Study 7pm Brennan Room Rosary Group 8:15pm Sanctuary

Wednesday September 18 Men's Bible Study II 6pm Conference Room Insta-Mass 9:00pm Sanctuary

> Thursday September 19 Newman Nite 6pm River Level

Meliora Weekend Friday 9-20 through Sunday 9-22 Saturday - O'Brien Lecture 9:30am Sanctuary (live stream) Saturday - Mass 4:30pm Sanctuary Sunday - Mass 9:30am Sancturary (live stream) Sunday - Fr. Cool "25" Celebration Brunch 10:30am (live stream) Sunday - Mass 7pm River Level

<u> Mass Intentions :</u>

Fr. John Crowley, Theresa Murray and Andrea Drahms

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