



THE NEWMAN STUDENT ENDOWMENT

LEAVING YOUR LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CATHOLIC HUSKIES

WHAT IS THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT?

The Senior Class Gift is an endowment fund for the Newman Center to support all student retreats. Seniors pledge a financial gift to the fund upon graduating, and can delay the start of their pledge until their jobs begin. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 or more in pledges with each graduating class. Our prayer is to grow the fund so that the expense of attending a life-changing retreat is significantly reduced for future students, and that scholarships are always available for those who need them.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is an investment fund where principle funds are intended to be kept permanently and invested. The interest from the investment is then used to provide income for continued support of an organization. In Newman's case, the money would be directed to support student retreats. With each new graduating class, the fund will continue to grow and become an ever-stronger base of financial support for the Newman Center's retreats.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE SENIOR CLASS GIFT?

Because you **can** make a difference! Your gifts to the endowment will go a long way in building the Kingdom of God for the next generation of Catholic Huskies. Through our faith we know God has bestowed us with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This is your chance to answer His call to share those gifts with the world.

IS IT SAFE TO INVEST TODAY? WHERE WILL MY GIFT GO?

There is always some risk anytime you invest. However, the Student Endowment is invested in a professionally managed, highly diversified, investment-grade global balanced fund that has less than market risk. A portion of the interest from the fund is put back into the fund itself (to keep pace with inflation) and the remainder is directed to help pay for Newman retreats. This fund is professionally managed by *Sound Investment Strategies* on behalf of the Newman Center. Currently, the Newman Center holds 10 retreats per year (and growing!) at a cost of over \$13,000 annually. Retreat fees usually range from \$25 to \$50 per student, depending on the length of the retreat, and do not cover expenses. Help us keep fees low!

WILL MY MONEY BE INVESTED ETHICALLY AND IN A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE WAY?

Yes! The Newman Center is committed to being a good steward of your gifts. We follow the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) guidelines on ethical and socially responsible investing. These guidelines ask churches to invest their funds in ways that maintain a commitment to protecting human life; promoting human dignity; reducing arms production; pursuing economic justice; protecting the environment, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

HOW CAN I HELP FUTURE STUDENTS?

By praying for Newman and making a financial gift to the endowment today! For your convenience, the Newman Center can quickly and easily establish recurring transactions on your credit card or through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking/savings account. If you prefer, we can also send you monthly invoices if you'd like to make your pledge payments by check or cash. One time gifts are gratefully accepted as well!

CAN MY PARENTS HELP TOO?

Yes! Your parents are welcome to help by praying or by pledging on your behalf - or even by matching your pledge and doubling your gift! It's a great way for families to get involved and help the future families of our community.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE TO THE NEWMAN ENDOWMENT?

Each graduate is asked to consider a pledge of \$10/month for 4 years. However, any gift or pledge within your means truly makes a difference. In total, each class is challenged to raise \$10,000 in gifts over 4 years – the same amount of time it takes the typical student to graduate. To participate, simply fill out a pledge card and mail it to the Newman Center or email or call our Development Director, Chris Hanzeli, at chris@uwnewman.org or (206) 527-5072 for more information.

You may pledge online at www.uwnewman.org/donate