



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

PASTORAL REVIEW

With Pastor and Director, Fr. Jake Anderson

Recently I was speaking with a representative from the Archdiocese about the Archdiocesan Synod's three-fold goals:

- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to His call
- Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

The representative said to me: "I think the Newman Center is doing all three of these!" I couldn't agree more. What is more is that the Archdiocese has acknowledged that the St. Lawrence Newman Center is "doing what the Synod wants to do" specifically with small groups flourishing in the fabric of the culture. We have a lot more work to do but I am confident that this reality is happening.

Overall, this 2023 year has found us deepening and widening the "net" of the Gospel here in Dinkytown to reach as many as possible into a saving relationship with Jesus and His Church. We continue to see slow and steady growth in overall Mass numbers since the Covid-19 years. Our small groups continue to expand and allow the depth of relationship to happen with fellow members of the church. I have found that the lines for the Sacrament of Confession continue to extend—we had to get another priest for Friday Confessions! We now have two confessors each Friday. Wherever there is repentance, the Gospel is flourishing.

The sobering reality is that we are on a campus of over 52,000 young people and we are constantly in need of resources (especially money) to make the mission work. I like to say to people that "you would be hard-pressed to find an organization that does more with less than the Newman Center." Thankfully, we made our bold goal for Give to the Max Day of \$100,000 with special gratitude to all who helped make that possible.

Finally, we have an amazing staff that makes all the moving parts happen. We are a small but deeply committed group. I am blessed to report that everyone on staff here is seeking to be a committed disciple and friend of the Lord Jesus. We pray that this same desire may continue to grow in the hearts and minds of many, many more people in 2024 and beyond.

MINISTRY STATS

HOURS IN ADORATION	NUMBER OF MASSES	DAYS CONFESSION WAS OFFERED
700+	460	312
IN A PARISH GROUP	OCIA	
72	8	

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TOTAL MASS COUNTS

2023	2022	2021
555	500	441
2020	2019	
341	779	

OUTREACH STATS

YOUTUBE VIEWS 38.1K	DONUTS AFTER MASS 9412	REACHED OVER INSTAGRAM ADS 7956+
YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS 1055	INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS 775	

CAMPUS MINISTRY

OVERVIEW

The period after a pandemic is a great time for campus ministry. Prior to the pandemic, the great majority of young people in our country were living without real relationships and without any clear sense of meaning. And while the pandemic only increased relational starvation and a sense of meaninglessness, it also helped many young people realize that they were missing something. Indeed, many college students today know well that they need deeper relationships and meaning, and our job is to help them discover that those things are best found in Jesus and his Church.



Managing Director of Campus Ministry
Br. Matthew Warnez

That's why, in the past year, we're seeing the most fruit in our men's and women's nights. After a few open nights at the beginning of each semester, the men and women have an opportunity to commit to each other for the remainder of the year. Giving up all of your Thursday nights is a big commitment for a college student! But it's amazing to see how many are eager to make that sacrifice, once they get a taste of the community that we have here. So, every Thursday night, the women gather in the Church and the men gather in the social hall. One part of the night is where all the participants are together for prayer, faith and character formation, and community-wide updates. But the other part is what the students most desire: this is where the men and women break into their small groups. These small groups provide time not only to share about life and to process the formation talks, but most of all to build close friendships. And these close friendships, in turn, are a springboard to the only relationship that can go infinitely deep: with Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for your support of our mission to campus.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN...

**Weekly Men's And
Women's Groups**



154

**Spring
Retreat**



125

**Bi-Weekly
UNITE**



110+

**Spring Break
Service Trips**



47

**Summit
(Student Leadership)**



42

**Household
Living**



31



FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023
INCOME AND EXPENSES

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INCOME \$1,005,302.25



■ GENERAL OPERATIONS/INVESTMENT INCOME
\$23,375.47

■ CSAF FUNDING
\$266,026.50

■ CAMPUS MINISTRY SUPPORT
\$317,566.24

■ PARISH STEWARDSHIP
\$209,052.83

■ CHURCH BUILDING & PROPERTY
\$113,085.47

■ PROGRAM INCOME
\$76,195.74

EXPENSES \$1,035,025.34



■ GENERAL OPERATIONS
\$148,222.95

■ PROGRAM EXPENSES
\$371,774.29

■ FACILITIES
\$281,860.45

■ LITURGY
\$148,167.29

■ DEVELOPMENT
\$85,000.36



Peter Dehnert
Class of 2024

"Through the Newman Center, the Lord has revealed the indescribable joys of prayer, brotherhood, and service. He has drawn me into memorable adventures and deep relationships, establishing my identity as His beloved son."



Evelyn Ruocco
Class of 2024

"The Newman Center has been my home away from home at the university ever since my freshman year when the community welcomed me with open arms. Since then, the community has continued to help me come out of my shell and grow in confidence. The Newman Center has shown me what true friendship and faith look like."



Austin Redington
Class of 2021

"My time at St. Lawrence Newman center was instrumental in establishing a strong identity as a Catholic man by the many students and staff who welcomed the authentic me."

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Business Administrator
Jon Knorr

“The best chance to deploy capital is when things are going down.” This Warren Buffet quote was repeatedly preached throughout my six years of studying business and finance. Its premise is simple: When taking an institutional view, it means when fair value estimates for a company are <1.00 or a company is undervalued, stock buybacks can be an effective corporate strategy to increase shareholder value. Now, I like being a shrewd capitalist as much as the next guy, but I would have never thought I would find new meaning from this quote in our current position at St. Lawrence Newman Center.

At St. Lawrence Newman Center, and as exhibited in our financial information, we are deploying capital to grow our ministry. Spending increased from fiscal year 2022 to 2023 in key expense areas such as program expense (the money it takes to run our campus ministry outreach and formation), facilities, liturgy (which includes additional priests for availability of the sacraments), and development (so we can continue to expand our ministry in the future to raise up servant leaders in the faith). Explaining the -11% decrease in operating cash flow from FY22 to FY23; however, we are projecting a 3.79% increase in FY24 as our income continues to grow commensurate with our expenses. Now, a shrewd capitalist might ask what has this capital deployment gotten St. Lawrence. For development, we have seen an increase in YoY general fundraising from \$151,807.08 in 2021 to \$305,645.67 in 2023. We continue to keep our facilities operable and welcoming to students. As for the growth and impact on the ministry side, I will leave that up to the experts, Fr. Jake and Br. Matthew, however, we are seeing an increase in young people coming to mass. Thanks to Fr. Jake, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Nels, the sacraments are readily available to students and parishioners. Our household program grew from 19 to 31 students living in households, and our undergraduate Men’s and Women’s discipleship small groups rose from 124 to 154 students thanks to the efforts of all our campus ministry staff.

It is enlivening and hopeful to see this progress and growth in a ministry while many would say things are “going down.” Morals seem to be eroding, church attendance and belief in the true presence of the Eucharist have been declining, and division and hatred are being sowed seemingly everywhere, even inside the Catholic Church. However, when things are going down, there is greater opportunity. In Warren Buffet’s case, he is strictly talking about value and money creation; in our case, more and more souls need God’s love and mercy and the new life that comes when you follow him. When things are “going down,” it is precisely the time when God is calling us to take up our individual crosses that he has gifted us and assess and discern his call to use our earthly talents and resources that he has entrusted to our care. Please continue to pray for St. Lawrence Newman Center and our staff as we continue to determine how to grow, deploy, and utilize our talents and resources wisely, all so we can further reach and form the over 6,000 undergraduate Catholics at the University of Minnesota and raise them up as future leaders in the faith.



	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
INCOME	\$816,912.44	\$828,874.93	\$874,909.97
EXPENSE	\$830,599.00	\$786,362.34	\$777,190.12
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$(13,686.56)	\$42,512.59	\$97,719.85

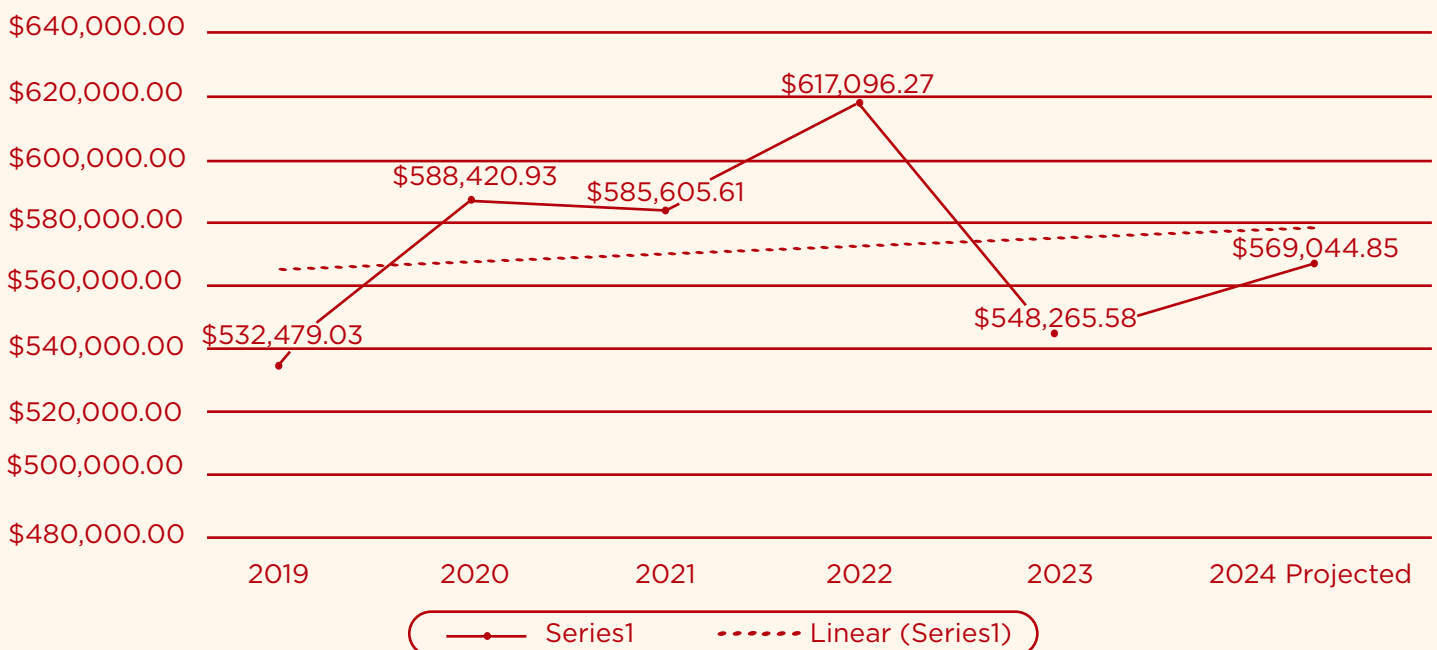
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 BUDGET
INCOME	\$948,040.00	\$1,005,302.25	\$1,054,540.00
EXPENSE	\$841,179.56	\$1,035,025.34	\$1,060,025.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$106,860.44	\$(29,723.09)	\$(5,485.00)

*Unusual Income: In 2021, we recorded \$40,128.00 in PPP Loan Forgiveness and \$39,065.36 in an Employee Retention Credit. In 2022 we recorded two Employee Retention Credits of \$11,893.96 and \$23,087.48, respectively.

**Newman Center Shared Expenses payments have been reclassified from income to expense in accordance with revenue recognition rules. We will recognize it as an expense moving forward, and it was retroactively applied to previous years, resulting in income and expenses appearing lower compared to the previous year's annual report.

CASH FLOW TREND

FY 2019 - 2024





*A Catholic church making disciples of Jesus at the U of M
by building transformative relationships and raising up leaders in the faith*

Mission Leadership

Father Jake Anderson
Pastor & Director

Alice King Moormann
Trustee

Tom Hagen
Trustee

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

Rachel Holmes
Women's Director

Brother Gary Davis, B.H.
Parish Life Coordinator

Jon Knorr
Business Administrator

Joe Geiger
Director of Development

Izabella Frederiksen
Director of Communications

Mary Ternes
Administrative Assistant

Mission Partners

Saint Paul's Outreach



Brotherhood of Hope



Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus

