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"God has chosen you to make Him known to others."

St. John Baptist de la Salle

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## What do you desire?

**By Dan Robinson** FOCUS missionary

This past weekend the Newman Center had the pleasure of participating in a retreat, taking time away school, homework and stress.

One of the topics that stuck out to me was a talk about desire: what it is and where to find answers to them?

Merriam-Webster defines desire as "to long or hope for."

Quite obviously,

Being in college we see a lot of desires concerning a job after college, a boyfriend or girlfriend, an internship or making Dean's
List. Now, there is nothing wrong with any of those things, however, how much are we relying on them? If school, a career, or a relationship is being served by us instead of them being a gift to us we start to see that we have a flawed prioritization of what is important, leading to disordered desires. In other words, are the things that we are striving for becoming who we

are known as and replacing who we are as a brother or sister, a friend or good Samaritan? The result is trying to satisfy those wants in all the wrong places, ultimately leading us into confusion, pain, isolation, etc. Luckily, there is a place to go; a person to turn to. God.

At one point or another we have been in this situation. It could be when we were very little around our Birthday and we are hoping and wishing to receive that cool new toy. Or more recently when we may have felt this tug in our hearts to date that guy or girl and not knowing what is going to happen. This feeling is always met with anxiety, nervousness, anticipation. These feelings can manifest

themselves in physical ways as well if they're intense enough: loss of appetite, a dull ache in your chest, living in a haze or gloominess. What ensues

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MEET**

Tuesday

**Newman Night** 

**7:00 PM** - NEWMAN NIGHT - Our weekly Meeting of Newman Catholic - All are welcome to join us for free dinner; and a different topic every week at Newman II. This week's topic:Saint Night!

### **PRAY**

Thursday

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** 

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confessions - Newman Center Chapel

## **DAILY CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 7 5th Sunday of Lent

**7:30 PM** - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Do you want to experience Jesus' forgiveness of your sins - Fr. Jim is available to hear confessions till 8:15 PM - Student Center Café B & C

**7:30 PM** - SING? PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Join our musicians with Mr. Bruce Mauro, our Music Director as they rehearse for this evening's Mass. - Student Center Café B& C

8:30 PM - CATHOLIC SUNDAY MASS - Student Center Café B & C

Monday, April 8

2:00 PM - Eboard Meeting - Newman II

4:00 PM - Raising Hearts Small Group - Newman Center

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

**8:00 PM** - Men's Bible Study - Newman Center (email Darin if you plan to attend)

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

**7:00 PM -** NEWMAN NIGHT - Our weekly Meeting of Newman Catholic - All are welcome to join us for free dinner; and a different topic every week at Newman II. This week's topic: Saint Night

Wednesday, April 10

3:00 PM - Women's Bible Study - Newman Center 5:30 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Thursday, April 11

**5:00 PM** - Men's Bible Study - Newman Center (email Dan if you plan to attend)

8:30 PM - LATE NIGHT MASS - Newman Center Chapel 9:00 PM - Holy Hour - Come pray before the Eucharist for an hour of adoration with praise and worship music - Newman Center Chapel

Friday, April 12

12:00 PM - DAILY MASS - Newman Center Chapel

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

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#### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Today's Mass: Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6; Phili 3:8-14; Joel 2:12-13; John 8:1-11 Monday: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ezek 33:11; John 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30 **Wednesday:** Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52,

53, 54, 55, 56; See Luke 8:15; John 8:31-42 **Thursday**: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 95:8; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; See John 6:63c+68c; John 10:31-42 Saturday: Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Ezek 18:31; John 11:45-56

#### **ABOUT US**

#### WHO IS NEWMAN?



We are named after BLESSED JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN. Over the last century on many secular colleges and universities around the world, centers have been founded to meet the spiritual needs of the Catholic people as well as to be a voice in the dialogue between the Church and the secular world on these campuses.

These centers are named after Blessed John Henry

Cardinal Newman. Newman lived in the 19th Century, was a professor, became a convert to the Catholic faith and is still remembered among many things as a holy priest.

Among the many theological writings he did was "The Idea of the University" a series of essays where he observed that the University and the Church are driven by the same goal - the search for the universal truth.

#### WHAT IS NEWMAN CATHOLIC?

The NEWMAN CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY has been an active organization at Montclair State University

for over 50 years. Our mission is to help students grow in their faith through spiritual, social and community outreach programs. We do this through helping each other deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church which he founded. We are sponsored, funded and operated by the ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK. We are chartered as a CLASS I ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION and are a recognized active partners with the University on many committees and initiatives.

### **DESIRE**, from front

is a vicious cycle that, on some level, we are all familiar with. For an example I will put it in the context of dating, something the vast majority of us have partaken in. We initially desire to be intimate, to be known, and have a best friend that we can share life with. All of this is good, in fact it's great. As the great majority of us have experienced, however, that relationship ends in a break up. Quite obviously, this hurts us. What is important to realize in this situation is that we still have the same desires from before but we have a void of it now. Seeking instant gratification to fill this emptiness, we try to meet someone new to move on as fast as possible because we don't want to sit in the ways we are hurting. This response will NEVER give us the fulfillment we are after because it turns into a cycle of grasping and being hurt. We have now is a disordered desire. What is important to know is this: behind every disordered desire is an unmet good desire. The feelings of wanting to be known, to share, and enjoy life are all great things. But searching in this way for these answers is where bad enters the cycle.

This is just one very particular case where we see a particular set of feelings not being met. However, this logic can be extrapolated to every other desire we want as I mentioned at the top. With that being said, if you have ever felt lonely, anxious, empty, unloved, unworthy, less than, disappointed, then I am speaking to you. This pertains to you. At some point, you have had a desire that has not been met and you have been hurt by it and most

likely are stuck in this cycle where you continue to feel these things. So if you are sick and tired of cycle and have no idea what can work because you have tried everything else you can think of, it may be time for you to consider something new.

God is the only one who can fill these voids with the love and approval we are all looking for. God also wants to hear how we are in pain. How we have been hurt. How we want to find healing. This only starts by giving Him the opportunity to do so. The question to ask is "Do I believe that God will give me everything I need?" The truth is, God, out of love, made each and every one of us to share this love with. God desired to share His life with us. In making us, He also gave us the desire to desire. So the logic flows that since our desire

## The Way of the Disciple Retreat



Members of Newman Catholic from Montclair State joined over 60 other membes from Catholic Campus Ministry throughout the Archdiocese of Newark for our Annual Inter-collegiate Retreat. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare such a prayerful, reflective, challenging weekend