



# GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON

JOHN 3:16 + NOVEMBER 2023

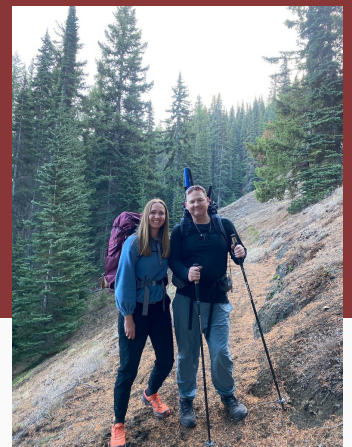
As we approach the beginning of Advent and the journey to celebrate the birth of Christ, I pray you and your loved ones are well. We are blessed to be walking this journey of faith together, possible only because our Heavenly Father in love has offered His Son to us. It has been humbling to witness the gift of God's only begotten Son at work in the hearts of the students here, who fearlessly live their Catholic faith in Christ Jesus in a world that so desperately needs Him.

Recently, three young men entered the Church at the Newman Center after receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion). Our Bishop Thomas Daly celebrated a special mass at our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral In Spokane last spring at which one of our students, John, was received into the Church. This fall, Karson and Sean were received into the Church at St. Rose of Lima parish in Cheney. These celebrations highlighted what has been a very fruitful end of last year and beginning of this present year, where we are blessed by six young students participating in our RCIA program and God willing, will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil next year.



Bishop Daly administering Sacraments of Initiation to John, who graduated in June.





At a time when it seems the world has no desire for God, His desire for us in the gift of His Son continues to move our young people here to follow Jesus and encourage others in their journey of faith to do the same. The FOCUS missionary team at the Newman Center continue to provide faith formation to our students via bible studies, weekly men's and women's nights, and 1-on-1 mentoring in addition to hosting a variety of outreach events on campus at Eastern Washington University in the attempt to evangelize and invite others to seek and know the Lord. The team and I had a "JP II" weekend together in the Central Cascades where we backpacked into a small mountain lake and camped for three days, enjoying fellowship, rest, and prayer, including daily Mass. I remain ever grateful for your support which provides the financial resources needed to have a FOCUS team at the Newman Center and on campus each year. Their presence is a visible and tangible reminder to me and the students of God's unwavering love and commitment to us.

Please know that you are prayed for daily by us when we gather for Mass and ask God to bless you and your families, especially in any of the difficulties or struggles of life you may be experiencing. We are all in this journey of faith together because of our Lord who calls us to Himself and invites us to respond to that call by supporting one another in the faith, something which we remain blessed to experience through you. It is our hope in the Lord that this Advent and Christmas season you will abundantly experience the blessings of His love and the joy of knowing His Son more deeply than ever before. He is our heavenly Father's greatest gift and I am so thankful to you for being an instrument of that Gift to the students at the St. John Paul II Newman Center. I pray you and your family have a blessed Advent and a most Joyful Christmas when we celebrate our Lord's birth.

In Him,  
Fr. David Kuttner  
Chaplain/Director  
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