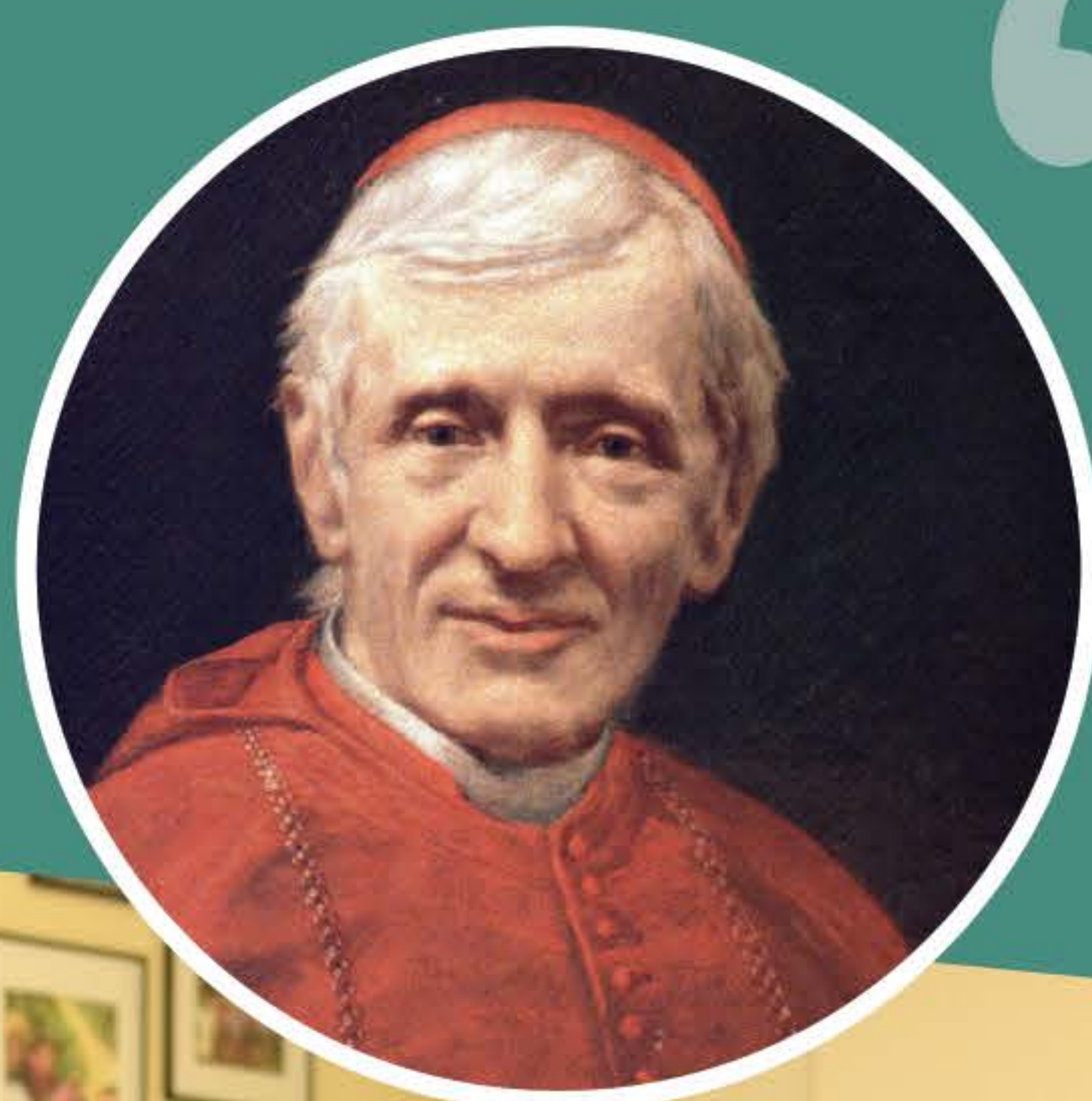




“ **ANYONE WHO SEEKS THE TRUTH
SEEKS GOD, WHETHER HE REALIZES IT OR NOT.** ”

*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
(Edith Stein)*

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS COLLEGE STUDENTS INTEGRATE FAITH & KNOWLEDGE



“ It will not satisfy me, if religion is here, and science there, and young people converse with science all day, and lodge with religion in the evening... I want the same roof to contain both the intellectual and moral discipline. ”

Saint John Henry Newman

You're helping college students integrate faith and knowledge at Tulane University.

Many people believe that to be a thinker, you cannot be a believer, but newly-canonized Saint John Henry Newman fought vigorously for the intellectual formation of Christians at universities. It's not enough to touch their hearts emotionally—students need and want to ***understand why they believe!***

FORMING THE CATHOLIC MIND

Tulane Catholic is partnering with The Newman Idea to offer interdisciplinary courses helping students like Brooke, Chesna, and Ian (above left to right) integrate faith and knowledge.

Thanks to you, Tulane Catholic offers classes through the Newman Idea and lectures from the Thomistic Institute. See inside to hear from the students!



MEET DR. DELIO

Dr. David Delio, PhD, completed a master's degree in education and did his doctoral work in Theology at the Catholic University of America. He is the founder and director of the Newman Idea (newmanidea.org) which launched its first course at Tulane Catholic this Fall.

“It's been a joy to encounter students whose faith is awakened through their intellectual life. It's been eye-opening to see the passion unfold in college students' lives when they begin to integrate faith and knowledge.”

IKON AT TULANE CATHOLIC

IKON Courses (IKON stands for “Integral Knowledge offered through the Newman Idea”) are specifically designed to help college students integrate their faith with what they are learning each day in their other classes. They're not theology courses, and they're not Bible Studies, but for-credit semester-long college-level courses that provide deeper insight into faith, reason, and the intellect!



CHESNA CLIMACO

Chesna Climaco ('20) is a Public Health senior from Nashville, TN.

“I came to a point in my own faith journey, where I was hungry to learn more about Jesus and his church. My intellectual hunger was being satisfied in a secular way, in the classroom and in public health but not in my spiritual life.

I think the mission of the IKON Institute course is exactly what Tulane and other Universities need because our young minds desire to know more. It has drawn me deeper into prayer and a relationship with God because to know God is to love Him.”



IAN BARNETT

Ian Barnett ('22) is a sophomore from Germantown, OH.

“When I go to my other classes, I see what I'm learning in the IKON course come alive. Taking my faith and incorporating it into my life.... that is exactly what it's been. It's super beautiful!”

Your support helps young Catholics integrate faith and knowledge!

In addition to classes and lectures, Tulane Catholic currently offers 18 Bible Studies for Undergrad and Grad students, Athletes, and Greeks!

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“tulane catholic”
on facebook, twitter
& instagram!



HOMEcoming/FAMILY WEEK

Homecoming Reunion & Porch Party
4-6pm, Friday, November 1

Come to Tulane Catholic during Parents' Weekend/Homecoming!
Catch up with old friends, see the new Center, tour the chapel.

All Saints Day Masses

12pm & 9pm, Friday, November 1

All Saints Day is right in the middle of Homecoming this year. Don't forget Mass, come to Tulane Catholic on Friday at 12pm or 9pm!

FIND OUR TENT ON THE QUAD ON GAMEDAY. #ROLLWAVE!

Sunday Masses at 10am and 6pm, November 3



TULANE CATHOLIC KEYNOTE 2020: Immaculée Ilibagiza

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DATE!

A story of forgiveness and mercy told by Rwandan Genocide survivor and author of *Left to Tell*.

Friday, January 24, 2020, 7:00pm

Dixon Concert Hall, Tulane University

Open to the public, \$10.00, free for students

Get tickets online today at: catholic.tulane.edu/keynote

THOMISTIC INSTITUTE AT TULANE CATHOLIC

The Thomistic Institute (thomisticinstitute.org) is an academic institute of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The Institute seeks to promote Catholic truth on secular campuses and foster the intellectual formation of Christians at universities around the country. Since 2017 Tulane Catholic has had a local chapter of the Thomistic Institute and thanks to the Institute, been able to offer a variety of lectures by high caliber Catholic speakers, such as the following:

Quid Est Veritas: On Truth & the Moral Life

by Prof. Jennifer Frey, University of South Carolina

Is Belief in God Rational?

by Prof. Francis Beckwith, Baylor University

Atonement and Forgiveness

by Prof. Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University

New Atheism & False Claims Against Christianity

by Dr. Timothy Pawl, University of St. Thomas

Julia Nauman (right) poses with lecturer Prof. Zena Hitz from St. John's College who lectured at Tulane on October 3, 2019.

UPCOMING LECTURES

Thomas Aquinas on Human Sexuality

Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P., Dominican House of Studies

December 2, 2019

Can I Be Ethical and Make a Profit?

Prof. Jay Richards, Busch School of Business (CUA)

February 4, 2020

Masters, Parasites, or Gardeners?

Thomistic Reflections on Environmental Ethics

Prof. Therese Cory, University of Notre Dame

April 16, 2020

See catholic.tulane.edu/thomistic-institute for location and time (to be announced).

MEET JULIA

Julia Nauman, a senior from Naperville, Illinois, is majoring in Neuroscience and Psychology with a minor in Philosophy. She is the President of the Thomistic Institute chapter at Tulane.

“ I have always been drawn to my faith, but what I like about the Thomistic Institute is that the Catholic church has a huge intellectual side that most people don't know about. In college, students start asking questions such as: 'Why do we believe this?' 'Does the church have a stance on this?'

The Thomistic Institute gives an explanation... from the mindset of St. Thomas Aquinas. It really makes a difference to college students who have ventured out on their own and are asking all these questions. It helps me to reflect on my own life and faith journey especially seeing the intellectual side of it. ”

Julia Nauman (Class of 2020)

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."

1 Peter 3:15

Why Does Catholic Intellectual Formation Matter?

I've heard it all: "Theology is a waste of time, go make a difference in the world!" "Get out of your ivory tower." "God doesn't care what we *think*, just love!" "I don't need to know this to get to heaven." "I'm not smart enough to think about that." And so on, accompanied by a deep sigh.

However, year after year young Catholics arrive at college to have almost every aspect of their faith challenged intellectually. Rather than seeking answers from the great Catholic minds who asked the same questions before them, many will try to 'pray it away.' "My professor is challenging my beliefs, the teachings of the Church, or the historicity of Jesus—I should pray more." But eventually the unanswered questions pile up. Without any Catholic intellectual formation, they often conclude that there is no God, or faith is a private feeling to be kept separate. The consequences are tremendous: materialism reigns, people lose meaning, churches empty, God is forced out, and the dignity of the human person is cast aside.

Unless we have solid Catholic intellectual formation, young people will never even know that reasonable answers are available. They learn all kinds of knowledge at the university while their faith withers because no one can answer their legitimate questions. This is why the Newman Idea is so important. Of the 4.5 million Catholics in college today, 90% go to secular universities like Tulane. I decided to partner with Professor Delio because he understands that intellectual formation is **essential** for the whole Christian and our Catholic college students are not getting it today.

St. Peter wrote: "We must always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks us for a **reason** for our hope" (1 Peter 3:15). John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *On Faith and Reason*, that the human person **seeks to know**. We are built to seek the truth and our reason gives us this ability. When we refuse to ask questions and seek answers, we are denying our human nature and our God-given intellect. **A priest I knew once said, "God gave you a mind and the ability to seek truth. Do you think that he is pleased when you refuse to use it?"** We're made for truth!

Thanks to your generosity, Tulane Catholics are offered many opportunities to intellectually engage their faith such as through IKON courses and the Thomistic Institute. **Will you please continue to support these students so they can "always be ready to give a reason for their hope?"**



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P.S. I may be coming to your city soon! We're planning receptions in the following cities. Also, let us know if you want to host a reception in **your** city.



TULANE CATHOLIC IN YOUR CITY

Join Fr. Thomas, Courtney, and other Tulane alumni, and parents at 2 receptions:

Lafayette Area - Thursday, March 5, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

Nashville Area - Thursday, March 26, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

RSVP to Courtney (cchisholm@tulane.edu) if you would like to attend one of the receptions or would like to host a reception in your city! We hope to see you there!



BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

From May 10, 2019



5 MONTHS LATER

Construction continues...

NEW CHAPEL

Work is almost done on the new **Chapel of St. Martin de Porres** inside the center. Thanks to the generosity of Gayle and Tom Benson and many other donors like you, Tulane Catholic will have a beautiful chapel for generations to come!

**NOV
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Dedication Mass at 10:00am.

RSVP: catholic.tulane.edu/chapel-rsvp

Saint Martin de Porres was mixed-race a Peruvian Dominican friar canonized by Pope Saint John XXIII and made the patron saint of social justice. Martin was a healer, reconciler, and an apostle of charity.



Diane and Jeff are the parents of Emily, Grant (Tulane Class of '19), John (Tulane Class of '22), and Andrew. They are faithful supporters of Tulane Catholic and hosted a parents/alumni reception last year in San Carlos, CA.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT MEET DIANE & JEFF

“ By supporting Tulane Catholic, we practice giving to God. Tulane Catholic uniquely prepares the hearts and minds of the students it serves to live the true intention and legacy of Catholicism established in New Orleans more than three centuries ago--to leverage each individual's God-given talent, to celebrate the family, to encourage and bring hope to those less fortunate. Tulane Catholic provides an atmosphere that allows students to develop themselves spirituality, intellectually and socially—to love and serve one another.

Supporting Tulane Catholic on campus by participating in events or through financial contributions and hosting events in our home in California builds community not only for our students at Tulane but our larger community. We are grateful for the work Fr. Thomas and Courtney are doing supporting young Catholic men and women.

–Diane & Jeff Wilson

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#iGiveCatholic

Tulane Catholic will participate in the 5th annual national Catholic Giving Day

	Goal	Raised
2015	\$2,000	\$2,200
2016	\$5,000	\$7,400
2017	\$20,000	\$23,285
2018	\$40,000	\$67,997

2019 \$80,000 goal

This year iGiveCatholic is on December 3, Giving Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Don't forget to visit neworleans.igivecatholic.org/organizations/tulane-catholic-center on December 3 to give!

iGiveCatholic has become our most successful fundraising event of the year. In just one day donors can provide for 17% of Tulane Catholic's annual budget!

Last year you (120 generous donors) surpassed the goal by \$27,997! **We're confident that this year Tulane Catholic donors can reach a goal of \$80,000!**

You can also help by giving a Matching Gift toward the goal! Interested in challenging others to be generous too? Contact Courtney Chisholm (cchisholm@tulane.edu) for more information.