

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Promoting and Defending Faithful Catholic Education

To: Valued member of The Cardinal Newman Society
From: Patrick Reilly, President
Re: Summer 2025 Update: Together, we'll move mountains with God's grace

It's amazing how life comes full-circle! After 32 years of promoting faithful Catholic education, I see how this renewal has blessed my own family—and my wife Rosario and I are deeply grateful for what you've made possible, as are so many other families.

Our youngest child, Ana, graduated in May from Aquinas Learning, a Catholic-classical homeschool program, and she'll attend Ave Maria University in the fall. She'll be near her brother Joseph, a graduate and now employee at AMU.



Our son Nicholas graduated last month from Christendom College. He's joining the staff of The Cardinal Newman Society, and his brother Daniel, a student at Benedictine College, is one of our four summer interns. Ian, our oldest, married a fellow Benedictine College grad who previously attended Seton School, also recognized in The Newman Guide. *Deo gratias!*

With your help, we can **DOUBLE** our Newman Guide promotions

I've spent the past few weeks with The Cardinal Newman Society leadership team, developing major plans for our 2025-2026 fiscal year, which begins July 1. I hope you're excited as I am by what we have envisioned—and with your continued prayers and generous support, and God's abundant grace, we can move mountains.



In the next year, your ongoing partnership can help us **DOUBLE our online Newman Guide College Fair**. We're scheduling a second online fair in Spring 2026, as well as Fall 2025. In addition, **we'd like to DOUBLE the reach of our Newman Guide Scholarship contest**. This year, we tested allowing both high school juniors and seniors to enter the contest. In 2025-26, we'll make the change permanent, which should motivate many more families to learn about Newman Guide colleges.

We plan to DOUBLE our Newman Guide recommendations

Thank you, and congratulations! In 2024-25, your support helped expand The Newman Guide to recognize more than 100 faithful schools, colleges, and graduate programs! Together, we have made such enormous progress since announcing the Guide's expansion in 2023.

And now, in the coming year, **we're gearing up to DOUBLE our Newman Guide recommendations** to at least 200 model institutions. Members like you have recommended many faithful schools, and this summer, we'll launch our major recruitment effort to persuade model schools to undergo the rigorous Newman Guide application process. I hope we can count on your support to make it a success! About 50 schools are already underway with their applications, and you'll be excited to know we've been working with Regnum Christi schools and the Chesterton Schools Network.

This month, **we welcome our Newman Guide liaison Molly Metzgar** to lead this major recruitment drive. Molly has been a Catholic educator for 15 years, most recently as resource director and instructional coach at Newman Guide Recommended St. Rita School in Alexandria, Va. Molly managed St. Rita's application to The Newman Guide, and she's excited to help others do the same!



...and we can DOUBLE the size of our Newman Guide Leaders Summit

After its soft launch this year, our Newman Guide Network will be fully staffed in 2025-26 to support more than a dozen working groups of leaders from Newman Guide institutions and dioceses. Nicholas (mentioned above) will coordinate Network activity, manage an online Network platform, and communicate with Newman Guide leaders.

Among the Network plans for 2025-26 is a very special event. You may recall our successful summit of Newman Guide college leaders in June 2024. This time **we hope to DOUBLE the Newman Guide Leaders Summit** by inviting two cohorts to our summer 2026 sequel: leaders of Newman Guide schools and homeschool programs, and leaders of Newman Guide colleges and graduate programs. That would be amazing!

We'll keep promoting Newman Guide standards... with your help

Thanks to your generous support, **1,612 schools serving 434,390 students in 48 dioceses** are now using The Cardinal Newman Society's Catholic Curriculum Standards!

Back in 2016, most Catholic dioceses in the U.S. adopted the Common Core State Standards and claimed they had no satisfactory Catholic alternative. With leading experts, we developed standards for English literature, history, math, and scientific topics in grades K-12 to keep focus on Catholic education’s mission to integrally form students in Christ and transmit a Christian worldview.



Next year, on the 10th anniversary, we plan to **update and issue a second edition of our Catholic Curriculum Standards**. We’re also updating our Principles of Catholic Education, a synthesis of Vatican teaching on Catholic education. And a **handbook of our Newman Guide policy standards** is in the works, culminating years of developing guidance to ensure faithful Catholic education. Please continue praying for the success of all this work you make possible.

‘Newman Guide News’ reaches worldwide EWTN audience each week



I’m thrilled to announce that Kelly Salomon, Vice President for Newman Guide Programs, will now appear weekly on EWTN Radio to promote faithful Newman Guide education and address the latest issues facing Catholic educators. Her “**Newman Guide News**” segment **airs each Tuesday** at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) on *Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo*. Be sure to tune in!

Facebook campaign celebrates pro-life Newman Guide education

Perhaps you heard about Planned Parenthood’s annual report: they killed a record 402,200 unborn babies in 2023-24—while using almost \$800,000,000 of our tax dollars. Still, wayward Catholic colleges refer students to Planned Parenthood, hire pro-abortion professors, and give credit for internships at pro-abortion groups.

That’s why we launched an online poll on social media asking, “**Shouldn’t Catholic schools and colleges be PROUDLY pro-life?**” And we’re offering our free eBook, *Catholic Means Pro-Life*, as part of the campaign. (Contact us for a copy.)



In the past year, your support helped us distribute more than 35,000 free eBooks including *The Eucharist: The Summit and Source of Catholic Education*, *Lead Kindly Light*, and *Guide for the Catholic Reader*. More than 40,000 people also took our online pledge, standing with Catholic educators who refuse to abandon their Catholic mission.

We have a winner! Meet our 2025 scholarship student, Teresa White

Teresa White, a homeschooled student from Illinois, will attend the Newman Guide Recommended University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., thanks to our **\$5,000 Newman Guide scholarship**.



“Attending a truly Catholic college will decidedly strengthen me spiritually, prepare me to be a virtuous defender of the Faith, and assist me in living out my vocation according to God’s plan,” Teresa wrote.

Can you believe that scholarship applications increased 225% this year? You helped make that happen—thank you!

Leave a legacy of faithful Catholic education



We’re now in June, with many people making plans for summer vacations. But did you know last month was “Leave a Legacy Month”?

If you haven’t made plans for how your values will be passed on in your will, now’s a perfect time.

Leaving a gift in your will to The Cardinal Newman Society is an easy way for you to leave a lasting legacy of support for faithful Catholic education. And if you don’t yet have a will, you can easily create one in 15 minutes for free through our partnership with My Catholic Will.

For more details about legacy giving, please visit **cardinalnewmansociety.org/legacy**. Or, you can check the box on the form on the next page and we’ll be happy to get in touch with more information about how you can continue promoting and defending faithful Catholic education for years to come.