



Campaign for Human Development: Collection Today, July 12

In Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, our Holy Father wrote that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." The lives and futures of 37 million Americans who are living in poverty are at stake. For nearly forty years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has stood with poor and low-income peoples, helping to create permanent solutions to poverty. One by one people are joining local community groups to break the cycle of poverty – and Catholics across our country are part of that change. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the annual collection to support this domestic anti-poverty program of the Church takes place today. On behalf of literally thousands of citizens and neighbors whose lives will be offered hope through this program, I thank you for your response to this appeal.

What's So Funny?

{Actions speak louder than words}

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. He ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the *What Would Jesus Do* bumper sticker, the *Choose Life* license plate holder, the *Follow Me to Sunday School* bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Thank You – Your generosity helps us survive

It seems that people are aware that summer is a difficult time for us here at St. AJ, financially speaking. Our congregation is diminished and our Sunday offertory collection falls dramatically as a consequence. Since I have been pastor, we have needed to borrow from our trust fund to overcome the end of the year short fall. Each year the amount we have had to borrow has decreased so that is good news. But we still have not been able to finish a year without the need to borrow. I believe that if we did not experience such a drop in numbers during June, July, and August, we probably could overcome the deficit.

It is apparent to me that some worshippers and parishioners have made attempts to increase their weekly offertory because they know the need is greater. I want to thank those who have tried to help in this matter by being a little more generous. It means a great deal.

Newman Center Notes

Penn Newman Center 3720 Chestnut Street
www.newman.upenn.edu

Drexel Newman Center 30 South 33rd Street
www.drexelnewman.org

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 12:05pm Penn Newman
St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level
Mon-Thurs 1:00pm Drexel Newman
St. Katharine Drexel Chapel – 2nd Floor

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at Drexel Newman on a weekly basis on Wednesdays 12:30-1:00pm. Weekly Eucharistic Adoration is offered at Drexel Newman Center on Thursdays from conclusion of 1:00 pm Mass until 4:00 pm.

Drexel Newman: Prayer Group Meeting

Join us for a Holy Hour on **Thursday, July 16 beginning at 8:00 pm.** for Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and other devotions.

Drexel Newman: Summer Schedule

The Summer schedule is now in effect. The Drexel Newman Center will be **closed on all Fridays** of the Summer term.

Penn Newman: Spiritual Mentoring/Direction

Spiritual mentoring/direction is an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a professional minister to speak about your life. Several mentors are available to Penn undergraduate and graduate students. See www.newman.upenn.edu.

Grad Student Service Opportunity: Tutoring

Grad students and young professionals are invited to participate in a tutoring program for children from K-4th grades at Annunciation BVM Church in South Philly. The children are primarily Mexican immigrants who are just learning English and consequently placed below grade level in local schools. The church needs more adults to work one-on-one or in small groups with the kids. The church hosts summer camps in July and will have regular weekday tutoring sessions when school begins again in the fall. If you are interested, contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu

Prayer Resources

Penn Newman invites you to check out our webpage with several links to resources designed to enhance your spiritual life. Go to www.newman.upenn.edu, Click on Activities, then Prayer & Spirituality, then Prayer Resources.

Penn Newman COR Retreat

COR includes reflective talks by students, discussions, personal reflection time, recreation, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist -- all with the aim of discovering God and God's love in one another and in all things. COR 1 will take place **Oct. 16-18, 2009.** *All undergrads invited!* Contact Fr. Phil Florio, SJ, at 215-898-7575 or pflorio@newman.upenn.edu for info or to register.

Penn Newman: Pilgrimage to Italy

A PILGRIMAGE /TRIP to Italy over **Christmas break 2009-2010** is being explored. If interested, please contact Fr. Phil Florio, SJ (215-898-7575) 9 nights/10 days - Rome & Sicily.