



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Newman Center

*Serving Ada and Ohio Northern University since 1874*

Dear ONU student,

**Welcome to Ohio Northern University!** As you prepare for your arrival at ONU, we want to take this opportunity to provide you with some information regarding the Newman Club, which is the Catholic ministry on campus. We just wanted you to be aware of our presence in the community, to know of our eagerness to assist you in the transition into college life.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the Newman Center for the ONU community. We are home to Catholic students and residents of Ada, many of whom are associated with the university as faculty and staff. We are a vibrant parish where students find nourishment for their faith and make connections with others in the community. The Newman Club, associated with the parish, is a student-run ecumenical organization designed to promote Catholic ideals. It extends to the university community through religious, educational, service, and social activities, helping students to understand the reality of their faith in modern society. Here is just a taste of what the group does:

- ◆ Organize and/or participate in student Masses held on campus the second Sunday of every month and in contemporary Masses held on campus the fourth Sunday of every month.
- ◆ Facilitate different educational programs designed to explore our Catholic identity and help us grow in faith, i.e., Catholic Book Club, "Ask the Priest," etc.
- ◆ Help with many service projects, such as visiting the homebound, food-drives, baking cookies for the elderly, living Stations of the Cross, support Habitat for Humanity projects, Relay for Life, Bone Marrow Registration Drive and helping with the Parish School of Religion.
- ◆ Join with others in the community for social events throughout the year, like the Harvest and Herb Festival, the Holiday Bazaar, the Mardi-Gras party, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

**We hope you will join us for Mass on Sunday, September 5 at 11:00 AM** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. **Following the Mass, there will be refreshments in the attached Parish Hall** so students can gather and meet others with common beliefs. If you would like to meet and travel as a group to Mass, via University bus, we will meet at 10:40 AM in the McIntosh Center across from the cafeteria. Transportation back to campus will also be provided. Look for us also during orientation at the welcome festival!

We look forward to meeting you, and hope your years at ONU are filled with excitement and growth!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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### ***NEWMAN CLUB MENTOR PROGRAM***

Your Newman Club Mentor can be an excellent source of all kinds of information relating to school, spiritual life and the ONU community. Mentors and mentees will be encouraged to meet up throughout the school year and grow together in faith.

If you are interested in this program please email Liz Hohner (e-hohner@onu.edu) with any questions and the following information: name, email, hometown and major and tell us a little bit about yourself.

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