



NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER

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Dear Newman Community:

As you know, recent weeks have been filled with legitimate and serious health concerns. Fortunately, we almost made it to the end of the quarter avoiding their impact on our programming. *Almost*. Bishop Jaime Soto has publicized a handful of decrees that provide directives for the entirety of the Diocese of Sacramento. UC Davis has also responded to the matter by cancelling on-site finals, and sharing best practices for being on-campus and for travel. Local school districts, Yolo County and professional sports are also taking actions to maintain good health. And, there will likely be more announcements to come.

As a result, here is some immediate information regarding the Newman Catholic Center of Davis:

- Our last gathering of the quarter will be the 9 PM Student Mass, on Sunday, March 15.
- There will be no Finals Hospitality.
- During finals, we are open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 - 5. We are closed to all students on Wednesday due to meetings at the Diocese. And, closed to students on Friday.
 - We are NOT hosting hospitality or providing study space at Newman.
 - Students may come in and visit for short periods of time (less than an hour) or by appointment.
- During Spring Break, we are open Monday to Friday from 9 to 5.
- Newman is closed to ALL traffic outside of the above published hours.
- During Week 1, there will be no fellowship gatherings, this includes: Ministerio Cafe, Ad Patrem, Gratia Plena, Freshman Foundations, Altius, APAC and Choir. Leaders will use other ways to resume their ministries.
- There will be no on-campus, weekday Masses until further notice.
- Dwelling Place groups will continue.
- Our next Newman Night gathering is Spring BBQ, April 2. It will be outdoors, weather permitting.
- Our next Student Mass will be Sunday, April 5.
- Currently, The College Summit and Showcase are scheduled to occur.

These facts are *significant* and *temporary*. The change will allow us to reach out to our community in new ways. On that note, we will be launching our new podcast, *My Best Friend, Newman!*, very soon. Other platforms will be used to gather and meet you wherever you are! Following this letter, our Executives and Officers will send out the Bishop's letters and also other information that may be helpful at this time. We pray for your health and thank you for your understanding.

In God's peace,

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