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Outreach and International Affairs

sharing the best of Virginia Tech by working side by side with communities throughout the world

Father John Grace, the Newman Community



Father John Grace, director of Campus Ministry, and the Newman Community at Virginia Tech have been doing incredible student engagement work locally and across the globe. Locally, the Newman Community has begun traditions of service days working with the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Refugee and Immigration Services, the RAM House, and Habitat for Humanity throughout the academic year.

During academic breaks, the students travel on service immersion/alternative break trips to Haiti, Mexico, Michigan, Illinois, and other locations around the globe. The Newman Community serves as a model for these trips, which focus not only on service but also critical reflection for personal growth and education about social issues.

The Newman Community also works with Hillel and the YMCA at Virginia Tech, as well as the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships, to develop programs with campus student leaders that promote service, leadership, and Ut Prosim among students and community nonprofit organizations.

Virginia Tech and the world at large are better places thanks to the leadership and stewardship of Father John Grace and the students and staff of the Newman Community. Their efforts bring the concept of Ut Prosim to life.