



St. Philip Neri Catholic Newman Center

Peer Ministry Application Fall 2020- Spring 2021

Please return applications to Fr. Ketterer before **March 11, 2020**

(Promptness will be noted!)

Job Description for **Peer Minister**

1. General Duties

Peer Ministers are leaders in the Newman Center student community and it is important that they lead by example. Peer Ministers serve as role models by being present at the Newman Center regularly, participating in Newman Center activities and prayer, and attending all major Newman Center events. Peer Ministers are witnesses to Christ in their commitment to their fellow students. Peer ministers should be especially open to developing evangelization skills. As disciples, we are called to spread the Gospel by both word and deed to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Peer Ministers work to heed Jesus' command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

2. Specific Duties

- Attend Sunday Mass weekly and other liturgies and devotions (e.g. Rosary, Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass) multiple times a week
- Be a friendly and welcoming presence at the Newman Center and during all Newman Center activities, especially towards new students
- Participate in both the weekly Peer Ministry planning meeting and weekly Peer Ministry team development
- Support fellow Peer Ministers in organizing, advertising, and running events
- Participate in and promote Newman's major events
- Recruit and involve other students in Newman's activities
- Communicate with the Chaplain any ideas, concerns, or suggestions
- Be a good steward of the Newman Center facility and its resources

3. Peer Minister Qualities

Being a Peer Minister will offer many opportunities for growth, so Peer Ministers should strive to be faithful, friendly, dedicated, responsible, flexible, cooperative, and welcoming.

4. Commitment

Peer Ministers should expect to invest several hours each week planning, praying, attending events, and being accessible members of the community. The time commitment will vary from week to week, but Peer Ministers should see themselves ALWAYS as representatives of the Newman Center and should be a positive, Catholic Christian image on campus.

5. Balance and Delegation

Peer Ministers are vital for the workings of Peer Ministry, but this does not mean that they need to do everything. Peer Ministers plan and organize Newman events and activities, but they must also be able to recruit other students and delegate roles to them. Delegation ensures that the Peer Ministers are not overloaded and can involve a wider range of Newman Center students.

6. Specific Roles

Peer Ministers help coordinate the following at the Newman Center:

Social events, social media and advertising, Sunday meals, intramural sports, guest speakers, retreats, and community service

Questions? Feel free to contact any current peer minister.

Job Description for **Peer Ministry President & Vice President (VP)**

1. **General Duties of both President and VP**

The President and VP assume all the general duties of the Peer Minister in addition to being servant leaders in the community and embracing a greater level of responsibility and time commitment. The President/VP work closely with the chaplain and Peer Ministry team to cultivate the community's involvement and growth in line with the mission statement of the Newman Center.

2. **Specific Duties of both President and VP**

- Be an exceptionally active, positive, and welcoming presence at the Newman Center and at events
- Meet with the chaplain weekly to coordinate the activities and needs of the Newman Center
- Motivate the Peer Ministry team to strive for excellence in their duties as Peer Ministers
- Hold accountable Peer Ministers who fall behind in their roles and help them when necessary
- Monitor Newman Center activities to ensure that student actions are appropriate and in keeping with Church teachings

3. **Stipend**

Both the Peer Ministry President and Vice President are compensated by a \$600 stipend (\$300 per semester).

Peer Ministry President

1. **General Duties**

The Peer Ministry President works closely with the chaplain to establish and carry out the vision for Peer Ministry. The President coordinates the specific tasks of Peer Ministry to ensure that everyone is doing their part in a timely fashion and that the workload is being evenly distributed.

2. **Specific Duties**

- Plan and lead weekly Peer Ministry planning meetings
- Assist Peer Ministers and other student leaders who are planning Newman events and activities
- Coordinate emails, phone calls, posters, and other announcements regarding Peer Ministry activities
- Communicate the chaplain's vision for Peer Ministry to the team
- Assist the VP with team development when needed

Peer Ministry Vice President

1. **General Duties**

The Vice President plays a supporting role to the President to ensure the smooth operations of the Peer Ministry team. The Vice President is responsible for the team's well-being and positive attitude. A unified team makes for a fruitful ministry, and the Vice President works to ensure healthy team dynamics.

2. **Specific Duties**

- Coordinate weekly team development
- Plan team activities and hangouts
- Check in with individual team members occasionally to ensure their well-being
- Lead meetings in the President's absence
- Assist the President when needed

Application

Confidentiality

Your application will be kept confidential so you can answer honestly and freely. Because some students that apply for Peer Ministry may not be selected, we ask that you be sensitive to other students who may be applying.

Name: _____

Expected graduation month/year: _____

Current GPA: _____

Current classification: FR SO JR SR GR

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

For what position(s) are you applying? [You can apply for both President and Vice President]

Peer Minister

Peer Ministry President

Peer Ministry Vice President

Do you plan to study abroad during the 2019-2020 academic year? Please understand that being able to serve as a peer minister during both the fall and spring semesters is an important consideration.

Fall 2020

Spring 2021

Newman Center Participation

Please describe your participation at the Newman Center (including FOCUS). Note any positions you have held and ministries you are involved in.

Work/Volunteer Experience

Please list any job or volunteer experience, if any, which may relate to the role of a Peer Minister.

Other Positions of Responsibility and Leadership

Please list any other type of experience, if any, which may relate to the role of a Peer Minister.

Please answer each the following in one or two paragraphs.

1. Why you are applying to be a Peer Minister? What gifts and talents do you have to share as a Peer Minister?

2. What does being a Peer Minister mean to you?

3. Describe your overall faith journey during your time in college. Particularly, how has your faith grown in the past year?

4. Give an instance from this school year when you have shared your faith with someone. What did you learn from this experience?

5. What campus activities, jobs, or other commitments (besides being a student) are you involved with that require a significant time commitment on your part? Please include estimated number of hours per week for each activity.

6. If you could ask God to bless the Newman Center in one big way next year, what would that be and why?

7. --[For those applying to be President or Vice President only]--

Describe why you are applying to be Peer Ministry President and/or Vice President and what makes you the best candidate for the role.

6. Is there anything else you would like to share with us? (optional)

**Thank you for applying and continuing to pray
for the future of the Newman Center!**