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Dear Friend of St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center:

Over the past year, I have been deeply moved by the kindness, generosity and spirit of the Newman community. It seems like everywhere I go around Tucson someone has a story or connection to the faith that has been fostered and shared at the corner of Second and Cherry.

I'm writing today to ask for your support of a special appeal that will go directly towards a major project for our decades-old building – the Heating and Air Conditioning system – that was installed in the 1960s and is giving us regular hints that it's time to be replaced. The total cost for this project is nearly \$360,000 but the Newman Foundation has generously committed to providing \$316,000 up-front leaving a \$50,000 shortfall. Can I count on your support to help us meet our goal and to reach out to alumni, former and current professors, faculty, staff and families that UA Newman needs its community to rally to its aid?

This campaign comes within a year of a new roof that was installed thanks to the stewardship and faithfulness of the Newman Foundation. We've also made improvements to the parking lot surfaces and gutter system that prevents flooding of the chapel and downstairs during Tucson's legendary monsoon season. The Sustaining Board, celebrating 60 years of support for the mission of Newman, recently completed renovations of the Main Lobby and continues to fund programs and retreats for students.

Unfortunately, with progress being made in some areas we also have had unexpected setbacks like a blown electrical transformer during Welcome Week that took out several circuit breakers and the motor to the cooling tower for the A/C units. I tell you these things because we're at the point where temporary fixes and band-aids won't be able to keep our systems running any longer.

The bid for the HVAC system overhaul is valid for another 35 days and so this is an urgent call for financial support – we are hoping to raise the \$50,000 shortfall by November 19th. Checks can be made payable to: St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center or a donation can easily be made online at: <https://uacatholic.churchgiving.com/>

Please help us get the word out to others who have had their lives impacted by Newman. Our Church has had a presence on the UofA campus for over 91 years and this investment will make it possible for us to continue serving Arizona Wildcats for decades to come. Thank you for consideration and generosity.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. John Paul Forté O.P.

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