The Newman House Student Community
The Newman House Student Community is an informal community of graduate students rooted in the Catholic-intellectual tradition. For over 15 years the community has been open to seven graduate students from all faith traditions in the Boston College Theology Department and recently the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (STM).

Members of the community provide friendship as well as academic and spiritual encouragement to one another. By bringing together graduate students from different fields of theology and from different experiences of the Christian faith or even diverse religious traditions, the Newman House serves as a space for mutual learning which complements the experiences of its members at Boston College. The house also provides affordable community living in an area in which the cost of housing often presents an obstacle to graduate students considering our program.

House Programs
In addition to monthly house meetings where the Community prays together and discusses living arrangements, the Newman House Student Community organizes regular celebrations and events for all graduate students in theology at Boston College including

- a Fall and Spring Party;
- a celebration for all former members of the community (“Thanksmas”);
- Advent and Lenten prayer services;
- and other events for theology graduate students.

These programs serve as important spaces for students from the Theology Department and from the STM to meet, socialize, and learn from one another.

House Management
Although two members of the House serve as house managers, all members of the community are asked to be co-responsible for the life of the community and are expected to contribute through a reasonably priced rent, house chores, semester projects, facilitation of monthly house meetings, and planning of various prayer and liturgical services.

The Student Community is made possible by the generosity of the Newman Lay Community, a community of Catholics who originally established the house in 1966 as a Catholic drop-in center for Newton-North high school students.

The Newman House Student Community is presently exploring ways to make the community more sustainable as to benefit future generations of theology graduate students.

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