NEWMAN CONNECTION

2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR

FAITH FORWARD

Never let a student walk alone.

A graduating senior is known by name in their parish in May. By September they can walk across a campus where no one knows they are Catholic. Faith Forward closes that gap — before they leave home after graduation.



What is Faith Forward?

Faith Forward is a national movement led by Newman Connection, bringing the Church together to help young Catholics stay connected to their faith wherever life takes them after high school. Through trusted Catholic partners, we help ensure graduating seniors are **known by name, personally invited, and welcomed into their next Catholic community.**

HOW IT WORKS: Catholic schools, parishes, dioceses, families, and ministry leaders work together to reach graduating seniors. Newman Connection provides the free resources, secure system, and outreach to help make each personal connection possible.

SIGN UP

The Church comes together to reach graduating seniors and help them take the first step toward their next Catholic community.

PERSONALLY INVITED

Through our national network of Catholic partners, young people receive personal invitations to stay connected to their faith before leaving home.

CONNECTED

Students are welcomed into Catholic communities where they are needed, known, and belong.

87%

of Catholic young people surveyed had stopped identifying as Catholic by age 18.[1]

1 in 4

students personally contacted through Newman Connection became active in Catholic campus ministry.[2]

Connection changes what happens next.

HOW TO TAKE PART

It takes one person to make sure a senior is not walking in alone.

For parents

You know your child better than anyone. You do not have to know the right campus minister — you just have to make one introduction possible.

- Sign your senior up before graduation — it takes about two minutes.
- Tell us where she is headed next: college, trade school, the military, or a new city.
- Expect a real person from a Catholic community there to reach out to her.

For partners

Parishes, Catholic high schools, dioceses, and campus ministries: you are already doing the work. Faith Forward fits inside what is on your calendar.

- Become a partner and receive the resources, training, and support at no cost.
- Collect senior information at a moment you already host — a retreat, a Graduation Mass, cap-and-gown pickup.
- Campus ministries: receive the names of incoming students before move-in day.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Sign up a senior or become a partner.

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1. Springtide Research Institute, *Catholic Teens and Young Adults Today*, April 2026. Conducted April–August 2025 among 1,211 current and former Catholics ages 13–25 in the United States.
2. Newman Connection, *Fall 2025 National Campus Ministry Scorecard*. Reported by 145 campus ministries across 96 dioceses: 7,468 freshmen contacted, 1,429 active.