

Newman Foundation of Toronto Board of Directors – 2021-2022

Fr. Peter Turrone PhD, Pastor & Executive Director, Newman Center Catholic Mission. Fr. Peter Turrone is a priest for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He completed his undergraduate degree in psychology from York University and earned his masters and doctorate degrees in medical science and neuroscience at the University of Toronto. He completed his philosophy degree through the Oratory of St. Phillip Neri and later completed his Theology degree at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He worked as a missionary amongst the poor in the Mongolian desert for almost three years. He was ordained to the priesthood in September 2012 and was appointed as associate pastor at St. Clare of Assisi. As of 2016, he has been serving as the Executive Director of the Newman Centre Catholic Mission and Pastor of St John Henry Newman Catholic Church. Father also serves as the current chaplain for both the National Association of Catholic Nurses and Allied Health Care Professionals and the Thomas More Lawyers Guild of Toronto as well as being the current chair of the Society of Catholic Scientists.

Catherine Pawluch J.D., DHS (President) was elected to the Newman Foundation Board in 2019. She is a partner in a business law firm with a global presence in more than 40 countries of the world. Her practice focuses on aviation law, competition and foreign investment law. Catherine earned an MA in economics from McGill University, where she found her Catholic “spiritual home” at the McGill Newman Centre. She holds a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. In 2019, Catherine was honoured to have been invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, whose purpose is to serve the Catholic Church and promote initiatives to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land. She serves as President of the Thomas More Lawyers’ Guild of Toronto and as a director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute Foundation, which supports the work of this Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at the University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto. She is honoured to serve on the Newman Foundation, as it supports the academic and spiritual mission of the Newman Centre.

Fok-Han Leung, MD CCFP FCFP MHSc was elected to the Newman Foundation Board in 2016. Dr. Leung is a family physician practicing general family medicine and inner city health out of St. Michael’s Hospital and an associate professor at the University of Toronto. He is also the Director of Health in Community curriculum in the MD program, and the Associate Program Director (Evaluation and Assessment) for the University of Toronto family medicine residency. He was the previous physician lead of the St. Michael’s Health Centre. He has a strong passion in supporting student leadership.

Hilary Harmon Ryall joined the Newman Foundation Board in 2018. Her career in marketing and consulting has provided Hilary with the opportunity to live and work in the USA, China, Australia and, since 2008, Canada. Since arriving in Toronto, Hilary has worked in university administration at the University of Toronto. Her most recent role was with the University of St. Michael's College where she led their Continuing Education division. Originally from the United States, Hilary has degrees from the University of Virginia (BA Economics) and the University of Rochester (MA English). A convert to the Catholic faith, Hilary has been a member of the Newman Center community since 2014, when a classmate in her MA Theology program invited her to our Tuesday Soup and Bagel Lunch. It was, she recalls, the best lunch ever.

Matthew Marquardt was elected to the Newman Foundation in 2019. Formerly a partner in one of the largest law firms in the world, he is currently counsel to a Toronto business law firm, and founder of the Catholic Conscience initiative for formation of Catholics for civic participation. Holding degrees in history and engineering from the University of Texas, and in law from the University of Washington, he has served as a police officer, aerospace engineer, and lawyer. Matthew is an active member of St Patrick's Parish, serves on secular and religious boards, and is a Lay Associate of the Redemptorists. In the summertime, he proudly serves as an umpire in the Scarborough Baseball Association.

Michael Ryall, PhD joined the Newman Foundation Board in 2018. Presently is the Professor of Strategic Management at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. He holds a BS in agricultural economics from North Carolina State University, an MBA from the University of Chicago, and a PhD in economics from UCLA. After working for over a decade in business, with roles ranging from CFO, Division GM, consultant, and entrepreneur, Michael obtained his PhD in game theory. His research interest is in the formal theoretical foundations of business strategy. This is a small but rapidly growing research area that uses mathematical models to analyze issues relating to organizational performance. Most recently, he turned his attention to social ontology - the philosophy of social institutions. Michael teaches Business Ethics, Corporate Strategy, data analytics, and game theory. He converted to Catholicism in 2013. He is delighted to be a part of the terrific Newman Center community.

Natalie Maggisano joined the Newman Foundation Board over a decade ago. She is currently Senior Manager of Organization Design in Human Resources at TD Bank. She supports Newman Centre with fundraising and various HR activities, including interviewing and selection of staff.

Nisha Fernandes, M.D. was elected to the Newman Foundation Board in 2016. Dr. Fernandes trained at McMaster University's *Internal Medicine Residency Program*, Hamilton, Ontario. She currently practices Internal Medicine at Markham Stouffville Hospital in Markham, Ontario. She had the opportunity to experience the flame of the Holy Spirit ignite faith through the work of the dedicated members of the Catholic Students Association at McMaster, growing in numbers and love of God. After moving back to the GTA, she had the chance to attend events by the Newman Centre, which shares the same mission of bringing Christ's presence to the university. It is her honour to be involved in service to this mission.

Patrick Douglas accepted a nomination to the Newman Foundation Board in 2020. He is excited to continue to support the mission of the Newman Centre after working as the Director of Human Resources and Operations at the Newman Centre for 17 years. Since 2018 he's been serving as the Associate Director of Family Life and Special Projects in the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation for Discipleship. Patrick is designated as a Certified Human Resources Leader and member of the Human Resources Professionals Association in Ontario, with a certificate from the University of Toronto. He also holds a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering Chemistry from Queen's University. He is currently studying in the Conjoint Certificate in Theological Studies program at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Patrick lives in Sutton, Ontario with his wife, Carissa, and 14 children, ages 1-18.

Sandra Murphy BA LLB (Secretary) joined the Newman Foundation Board in 2016. She is a practising lawyer, and director and co-owner, Resource Environmental Associates Limited. Sandra also holds a certificate in nonprofit management from Ryerson University. She is a former member of the Board of Governors of Holy Trinity School, as well as former president of Holy Trinity School Parents' Guild. She has volunteered in several community organizations, as well as the Archdiocese of Toronto where she participated as catechetical instructor at St. Mary Immaculate Parish. She and her family are parishioners of Our Lady of the World parish, Richmond Hill. She wishes to use her skills to support youth, to help in the formation of future leaders, and to build community.

Vickie McNally joined the Newman Foundation Board in 2011. A graduate of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Vickie studied Geography and spent the majority of her time in lecture halls along St. George Street. With little time between classes she found a place for quiet study, spiritual reflection and coffee with friends at the Newman Centre. Her desire to participate on the Foundation Board and support the Chaplaincy initiatives has its roots in these years as a student on the St. George campus. Vickie has worked with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto for over 20 years. In her role as Administrator, CSJ Ministries, Vickie supports the Sisters of St. Joseph's in their ministry of Social Justice, Peace & Creation Care, Faith Connections and congregation communications.

She is the chair of the Social Justice Committee and St. Peter's Parish, is an SMC Alumni rep on the College of Electors - UofT and is on the Board of Catholic Conscience. Vickie and her husband Scott (also an SMC graduate) have 3 grown children.