



Your care is forming these men and women for mission!



on mission with FOCUS

A Newsletter for FOCUS Supporters

June 30, 2022

We're almost to the goal!

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SUMMER BREAK?

Just like the students on campus, you might be wondering what FOCUS missionaries are up to during the summer months.

Your thoughtful support is giving them a world-class Catholic formation to prepare them for ministry on campus, leading their teams and launching into lifelong mission in the parish for this year ... and years to come!

SEE THE IMPACT
YOU'VE MADE
THROUGH THE
CAMPAIGN:



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The mission never truly ends but only deepens as these men and women follow God's call for their lives and live as witnesses in the world. While on staff however, they use their summer months as a special time to sharpen and add to their skills.

Do you have a plan for growing closer to Christ and staying on mission during the summer?

HOW YOU ARE FORMING LEADERS:

- TO BE EXAMPLES TO THEIR PEERS ON CAMPUS
- TO SHEPHERD THEIR MISSIONARY TEAMS
- TO LIVE AS WITNESSES IN THE WORLD



HOW YOU PREPARE MISSIONARIES FOR MINISTRY

"Phase one [of summer formation] completely exceeded my high expectations. It was the most transformative two and a half weeks of my life. Being with the community of missionaries, talking to veteran staff from different campuses, speaking with the religious [on site at training] and having the opportunity to see FOCUS leadership work in person was transformative."

FOCUS MISSIONARY AT SUMMER FORMATION



When missionaries set foot on campus, they need to know how to transmit a way of life to students — a life with Christ. You give them an immersive training experience through FOCUS' summer formation. Each year, your investment imparts the life of Christ to missionaries through:

- World-class Catholic speakers and course content equivalent to credits toward a ministry degree.
- Recreation designed to foster humility, team work and virtuous living.
- Peer and veteran staff small-living and learning communities.
- Spiritual direction and informal time with priests and religious formators.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT

Giving Wisely

WEBINAR

**Tuesday, July 26,
2:00 p.m. MT**

Learn about the advantages
of creative stewardship!

For more information contact us at
PLANNEDGIVING@FOCUS.ORG

"I really enjoyed [summer formation], and a lot of it not only prepared me for mission but also taught me a lot about what it means to be a man of God and how to properly lead the people around me, from friends to family to even my future spouse one day. They were beautiful classes!"

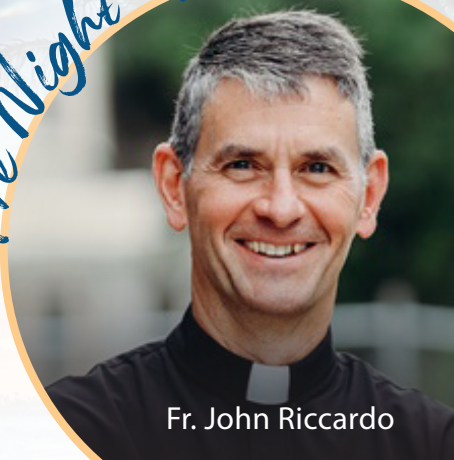
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Inviting you and your spouse aboard the 2023



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CHANGE YOUR MARRIAGE FOREVER!**

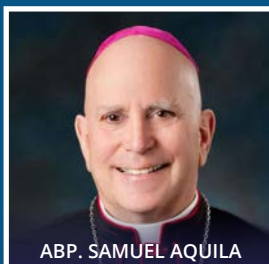
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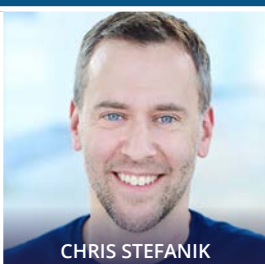
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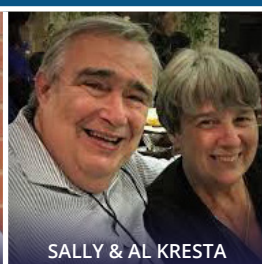
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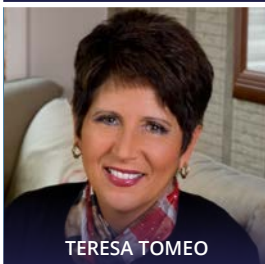
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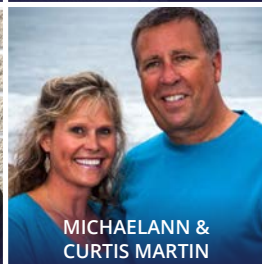
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HOW YOU PREPARE TEAM DIRECTORS TO LEAD



"I can confidently say that I have been thoroughly convicted of God's call for my life. The opportunity to hear from other first-year team directors about their anticipated challenges and fears, along with hearing from veteran staff about their experience and wisdom, was incredibly reassuring as I progress into this next stage of prayer and planning. Being the 'chief formation officer' [for my missionary team] is daunting, but I know the Lord will provide for this new mission in every last way. I can't wait for the chance to serve my teammates in a radical new way, and to see how the Lord desires to stretch me in unexpected ways."

ADAM WHELAN

Adam, a third-year missionary with FOCUS, is serving as the team director for one of FOCUS' newest campuses, the University of Delaware.

Benefactor support has introduced an even more meaningful way for veteran missionaries to grow in servant leadership. This year, you launched the St. Paul Team Director Fellowship Program, a more defined and deeper investment in these young men and women.

This is a three-year program for staff serving as team directors through which you provide a deeper human, spiritual and professional formation to them that can be a crucial foundation for the rest of their lives!

"In this new role, I am called to go beyond myself and be a servant to the missionaries I am leading. I am called to love my teammates unrequitedly, to sacrifice for their good, to humble myself and seek their interests above my own. I am given the opportunity to encounter Jesus on a new and deeper level through the joys and the struggles, the frustrations and the glories, in the cross and the resurrection. Becoming a team director means that I am called to be Christ to the missionaries on my team so that they can be built up and confident to be sent out on mission, but more importantly, so that they are able to grow to become saints. One thing that was said time and again throughout training was that who we become is more important than what we do."



MARIA MUMMERT

Maria, also a third-year missionary with FOCUS, is serving as the team director for one of FOCUS' newest campuses, the University of Delaware.

HOW YOU INSPIRE NEW FOCUS ALUMNI IN LIFELONG MISSION

Each May, you walk with FOCUS missionaries who are departing staff through the Go Forth retreat, and this year was no exception! You invited them to share the Gospel outside of FOCUS with practical insights and tools, gave them a space for processing their time as a missionary and launched them into parish life with joy and gratitude. We are so excited to see what the Lord does through these strong leaders of faith that you are sending out into the world!



GO FORTH PARTICIPANTS SAID:

"I felt inspired, empowered and encouraged moving into life after being a full-time missionary!"

"Go Forth gave me space to praise God for all that He us done in me during my time in FOCUS."

"I felt encouraged that I can still be a saint even after I leave."

"It was a great way to bring closure to my time with FOCUS and inspire me to go out into the world."

"Go Forth helped equip me for the parish life that lies ahead. It has increased my hope for great things to unfold in the transition from mission on campus to mission in the parish."



DO YOU KNOW A 'FUTURE' FOCUS MISSIONARY?

Who in your network could make a profound difference as a missionary on campus? It may be your young adult relatives, sons and daughters of close friends or member of your parish.

We are seeking both male and female graduates to apply to begin serving with FOCUS for the 2023 – 2024 academic year. We kindly ask you to send anyone interested to:

[FOCUSONCAMPUS.ORG/JOIN-STAFF](https://www.focusoncampus.org/join-staff)



SAVE THE DATE!

January 2-6, 2023 | St. Louis, Missouri

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