



YOUR CARING HEART IS INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FOLLOW CHRIST.

This past year, you gave more young men the freedom and confidence to serve as missionaries with FOCUS — and you helped FOCUS hire more men to serve more campuses!

You also gave female missionaries the opportunity to share the Gospel on new FOCUS expansion campuses, bringing more souls to Christ!

Through your gracious giving, 351 new FOCUS missionaries — 177 women and 174 men — will have the chance this 2023 – 2024 academic year to witness to Christ and form others for lifelong Catholic mission. What a gift!

How can **YOU** be prepared to go deeper in mission?

Since 2015, FOCUS Parish has empowered thousands of parishioners and priests from every walk of life to answer the call to mission. We do this through workshops, the Making Missionary Disciples Track at FOCUS' SEEK conference, digital accompaniment and full-time parish and diocesan missionaries. Clergy and lay persons alike are encountering Christ, growing in the key habits of Christian discipleship and being commissioned as living witnesses to share the Gospel with others.

VISIT:

focus.org/what-we-do/parish
[or www.focus.org/supporters/](https://www.focus.org/supporters/)
to learn more and find evangelization resources just for you.

HOW YOU ARE FORMING MORE VIRTUOUS MEN



The St. John Bosco Project

FOCUS is currently partnering with the Archdioceses of Denver and Lincoln to create new ways to prepare more men for life as a missionary. The St. John Bosco formation houses are new opportunities for FOCUS missionaries to serve on campus while participating in deeper, ongoing formation with some of the best minds and mentors FOCUS has to offer. The Bosco formation houses are intended to help prepare these missionaries to serve with freedom and confidence in their human, intellectual, apostolic and spiritual formation.

During the 2022 – 2023 school year, FOCUS formed ten men who served the Auraria campuses in Denver. This meant that following their completion of the program, FOCUS was able to serve at least five more campuses with highly trained, competent and mature men during the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

Additionally, through key benefactor support, FOCUS added a second formation house this year in the Archdiocese of Lincoln, through which ten more men are growing in virtue and serving the students of Doane University.

While serving the students at Auraria and Doane part time, these men are being formed for mission:

- **Receiving additional intellectual formation, strong mentorship and a rich communal life**
- **Living a clear, structured plan of life and engaging in virtue-building labor**
- **Establishing habits of daily prayer, regular attendance of the sacraments and spiritual direction**

“My biggest takeaway from the Bosco Project is that aspect of iron sharpens iron. I had a lot of thoughts going into this experience, and none of them were what I had expected. The humility, joy and truth I learned of what it means to be a man in this faith has impacted me, changing my life forever.”

BOSCO PROJECT PARTICIPANT

**LIFELONG FRUITFULNESS
AND THE ABILITY TO INVITE OTHER
MEN INTO FREEDOM AND VIRTUE**

The St. John Bosco Project looks for men who are contagious, teachable, desiring faithfulness and natural leaders. **Through their formation, these men have the potential to be strong leaders on campus and for the rest of their lives!**

YOUR LONG-TERM IMPACT WITH THE BOSCO PROJECT

Reaching More Men and Campuses

Additional houses of formation in other cities and a new platform for missionary formation will increase male recruitment and allow FOCUS to reach more campuses.

Increasing Vocations

Implementing similar formation houses in conjunction with seminaries across the country will mean more qualified candidates for seminary formation and future priests.

Changing the Culture

This initiative will draw men back to true masculinity, virtue and faithful leadership and will inspire them to help restore morality and virtue in the lives of their peers.

THE YOUNG WOMEN YOU ARE CROWNING WITH GRACE

The Leading Ladies of FOCUS

On FOCUS campuses across the country (and internationally!), young female hearts are learning what it means to be a daughter of God because of the FOCUS missionaries you have sent on mission. Of the thousands of testimonies we've received, here are two that we know will encourage you to read. Thank you!



"Bible study has been going so well. **I have the great privilege to lead the upper-class women through the FOCUS Salvation History Bible study.** We are almost done and have learned so much. Through this study, the participants will come out knowing the six covenants that the Lord made and their place in God's plan."

STUDENT AT BLACK HILLS
STATE UNIVERSITY

"In this retreat, we invited women to come away with Jesus and ponder the cross and resurrection in their lives. We had an amazing crew of young adult women helping us [so that we could offer students] adoration and confession, praise and worship, an opportunity for healing prayer, and talks accompanied by prayer time and small groups. [As students shared the] graces [they received] at the end of the retreat, **it was evident how deeply God was specifically working in the hearts of these women.** Many of them shared how they experienced healing, new revelations and breakthroughs in their struggles, a new feeling of belonging, freedom in bringing struggles into the light and a new perception of themselves and God."

JESS FIGONI, FOCUS TEAM DIRECTOR AT MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

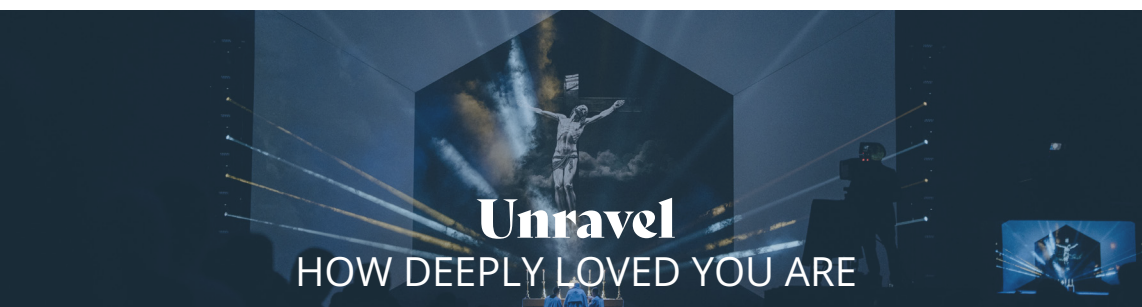


The women on retreat at Montana State University

SEEK IS FOR EVERYONE — AND THAT MEANS **YOU!**



Embrace
A NEW COMMUNITY



Unravel
HOW DEEPLY LOVED YOU ARE



Be renewed
WITH A TRANSFORMED LIFE



Witness hope
FOR THE FUTURE



Ensure
YOUR PREMIER EXPERIENCE



Live
YOUR BEST CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE



What to Expect

Each da, there is so much to look forward to:

- Keynote and Breakout Session Talks
- Mass and Prayer
- Opportunities to engage with other supporters
- Entertainment
- (Optional) Making Missionary Disciples Track: sessions that will equip you to lead others in faith!

Accommodations:

- Opportunity to book a room within the SEEK housing block at either Marriott St. Louis Grand or Embassy Suites

Registration:

- We would be glad to assist you or answer any questions! Please either go to **seek.focus.org** or email us at **benefactors@focus.org**
- Find out current pricing details here:



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St. Louis, Missouri