



FACT SHEET

Overview

FOCUS walks alongside people in all stages of life, partnering with local Church leaders to equip men and women—through Bible studies, mentorship, mission trips and conferences—for a lifetime of evangelization and discipleship.

By the Numbers

- Founded at Benedictine College in 1998.
- 1,000+ FOCUS missionaries serve on more than 200 college campuses and in more than 35 parishes across the U.S.
- 50,000+ FOCUS alumni have taken part in its missionary outreach since its founding.
- More than 1,000 FOCUS alumni now live out religious vocations.
- FOCUS Missions has led 1,000+ trips to more than 40 countries since the first mission trip to Peru in 2004.

SEEK

- SEEK is FOCUS' national conference, which started in 1999 with 25 students gathered in Kansas City.
- The conference took the name SEEK in 2013, drawn from Matthew 7:7 — "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
- SEEK26 hosted more than 26,000 participants simultaneously in three cities: Denver, Colorado; Columbus, Ohio; and Fort Worth, Texas.
- Past SEEK speakers include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Emily Wilson and Jason Evert.

Outreach Areas

Parish—A culture of missionary discipleship is built by equipping pastors and lay leaders, extending FOCUS' face-to-face evangelization model into parish life.

Campus—Missionaries partner with chaplains and campus ministers to meet students where they are, building friendships that grow into discipleship and, in turn, new student leaders in evangelization.

Missions—One of the largest short-term Catholic mission trip organizations in the world, in which trips are built through personal relationships with local community leaders and apostolates and serve destinations across the US and abroad.

Summer Projects—A 10-week formation and mentorship experience pairs missionaries and top Catholic speakers with participants working full-time jobs, mainly in hospitality.

Digital Outreach—Missionaries accompany and coach students on campuses without a resident FOCUS team through digital discipleship groups and one-on-one mentorship.

Varsity Catholic—Amid the pressures of competitive sport, missionaries help college athletes root their identity in Christ.

FOCUS Greek—Fraternity and sorority students are served by missionaries who were Greek members themselves, present on just over half of FOCUS campuses.

Retreats—These gatherings offer prayer, sacraments and small-group formation on campuses and in parishes.

Since 1998, FOCUS has been inviting people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. More than 1,000 active FOCUS missionaries across the U.S. partner with local dioceses to reach people at every stage of life and help form the next generation of Catholic leaders. FOCUS hosts the annual SEEK conference, one of the largest Catholic gatherings in the country, to inspire and challenge people to deepen their personal faith in God. FOCUS.org

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