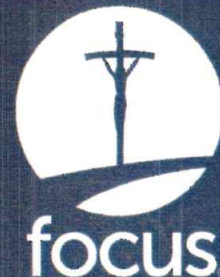




Led by the Spirit

November 2025 Mission Update

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A Special Visit on a Special Night

The month of November started off with a bang as we celebrated All Saints and All Souls Day as well as the 60th anniversary of the Catholic Student Center at Maryland. Part of the celebration included the dedication of the Newman Room (pictured above). This room was recently completed and is being used for various ministries at the CSC, including OCIA classes. The addition of this room was very timely, as the student involvement was outgrowing the building! This was certainly the case with OCIA as this year's class is roughly twice the size of last year's class!



*Fr. Conrad
thanking
Cardinal
McElroy for
joining us for the
All Saints Day
Vigil Mass.*

It was really special to have the Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal McElroy, join us for this occasion and give his blessing to the CSC and all the students encountering Christ through this ministry on campus. It was also neat to see how many people this place and this ministry has impacted as we were joined by current students and alumni for the Mass and dedication. The vision for the CSC is to help everyone who encounters it to "become fully alive." I believe it was fitting to celebrate this special place on All Saints Day as we celebrated the saints - the ones who are truly "fully alive."



*Alumni and
current students
gathered to
celebrate the
60th anniversary
of the CSC.*

The Harvest is Abundant

This year we are seeing an overall increase in young people interested or actively participating in the faith. We are witnessing it personally here at Maryland but also hearing about it happening at campuses all over the country! This has caused me to reflect much upon Jesus telling his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt. 9:37-38)

On the weekend of Nov 14-16, I had the privilege to serve at a FOCUS recruitment weekend. It gave me much hope to see so many young people being open to being sent out to labor in the harvest. Please pray for our applicants from Maryland as they discern the Lord's will for them, and that the Lord would send more laborers for his harvest!



Sharing Our Very Selves



As we enter into the Advent season, another topic of prayer for me lately has been the Incarnation. We are so blessed to have the example of our Lord who has perfectly modeled for us how we are to go about sharing the Good News. Just as God entered our world, we too must enter other people's lives and meet them where they are!

As missionary disciples, we must take to heart St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians, "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us." I am so grateful to get to enter into the lives of these young men to share the Gospel and my very self with them!



Coming Soon...

As the calendar flips to December, we now embark upon the final weeks of the semester! With that, we will wrap up Bible studies and discipleship meetings for the semester as well as having our final Upper Room to help our students prepare to prioritize their faith lives through finals and Christmas break.

We will also have some fun events coming up including a staff and a student Christmas party at the CSC. Excitement is also growing for our group attending SEEK26 as we are now only one month away from the conference!

Prayer Intentions:

- For our students to prioritize their prayer life through the final weeks of the semester
- For great graces upon our students that will be attending SEEK26

How Can I Pray for You?

Please know of my prayers for you and feel free to send me prayer requests throughout the semester.

I'd love to pray for you and your intentions!

Thank You!

You are such a gift to me!
I am so excited to see how many lives will change this year because of your generosity!
Because you care, many students will have the opportunity to experience the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ.
I look forward to sharing with you in January how the students at Maryland were impacted by these final few weeks of the semester and by SEEK.
As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ,
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