



# Led by the Spirit

## January 2025 Mission Update

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### **“Follow Me”**

Our students at the University of Maryland contributed to a bold statement echoed throughout the world to begin this New Year of 2025. The year began with our annual SEEK conference in three locations across the globe: Salt Lake City, Washington, DC, and Cologne, Germany. Together with thousands of other college students across the world, our students proclaimed a counter-cultural message. This message being that they desire to follow Jesus!



*The procession  
during the  
Opening Mass at  
SEEK25 in  
Washington, DC.*

The theme of this year’s SEEK, “Follow Me”, was explored throughout the conference. The speakers dove into the critical issues of our day and age that attempt to distract us from following Christ and from leading others to Him. Everyone in attendance was challenged to give a fuller “yes” to Jesus by following Him as a missionary disciple. It was incredible to see the impact this had on our students as they expressed the conviction and desire they have to get back to campus to share this invitation to follow Jesus with others!



*Dr. Edward Sri  
delivering his  
keynote talk on  
missionary  
discipleship.*

### **The Source of All Hope**

SEEK25 was also a fitting way for us to begin the Jubilee Year of Hope with our students. This conference was a time set aside for all of us to gather around the source of any and all hope we have – that source being Jesus Christ himself. Throughout the conference we celebrated Jesus made present in the Eucharist with Mass each day and also adoration with 3,500 people on the second night.

At the closing Mass, Archbishop Nelson Perez of Philadelphia addressed this theme of hope further in his homily. He stated that, “at the heart of what it means to be a Christian disciple is believing that Jesus died and rose from the dead. And because he did, we also will too, and there lies our hope.” The 60 students who joined us at SEEK have been filled with this hope and are ready to be sent back to campus to be beacons of that hope at the University of Maryland!





## Will you help us change lives in Argentina?

As we move into the second semester and continue mission on campus, one of the big opportunities we are looking forward to is a mission trip we will be taking to Iguazu, Argentina in March. Our missionary team will be taking 13 students with us to serve and evangelize our brothers and sisters in Iguazu!

Although you won't be physically journeying with us to Argentina, I invite you to partake in this mission trip through your prayers, and if you think the Lord might be calling you to it, through your financial support.

If you are interested in helping our students have this life-changing experience, please reach out to me via email or phone by **Wednesday, Jan 29** to learn how you can financially support our students. Thank you for your consideration and for the ways you continue to make Christ known to the world!



## Coming Soon...

In the coming weeks we will be welcoming our students back to campus as we get the spring semester started on January 27. Before that though, we'll attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24!

Our team is excited to jump back into mission on campus as we get Bible studies started up again and have the first few Wednesday Night Dinners of the semester. Many of the guys I have been blessed to walk with are seniors, so I'm also looking forward to this final semester with them and to see how the Lord continues to bless their commitment to living life on mission!

### Prayer Intentions:

- That the many graces our students received during SEEK will pour into the spring semester
- For an abundance of hope on our campus as we continue the Jubilee Year of Hope.

### 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 February how the students at Maryland were impacted during the first few weeks of the spring semester.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ,  
**Grant Doyle**

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