



# Led by the Spirit

## August 2025 Mission Update

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### Summer 2025 Recap

The anticipation is building here in College Park as we close out these final days of August and prepare for thousands of new students to join us on campus! Before jumping into this new year on mission though, I'd like to fill you in on what happened this summer. During the month of June, I had the opportunity to serve as a small group leader at FOCUS's summer training in Ave Maria, Florida. I had the privilege to get to help form and prepare this great group of young men for this next year on mission. These guys will be serving at universities in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Please include them and their FOCUS teams in your prayers as well!



*My small group enjoying a meal together at training this summer.*

Some other highlights of my time in Florida this summer included getting to spend time with old and new teammates! This year I will have three new teammates at the University of Maryland (pictured above). You can read more about each one of them on the following page! We even got to spend some time with our chaplain, Fr. Conrad, as he helped serve as a spiritual director at training. We really enjoyed getting to know one another this summer and are looking forward to seeing how God will use this ministry team to reach His sons and daughters on campus this year!

### A Note to You

One of the best parts about this summer was getting to reconnect with many of you! Whether it was in person or over the phone, I enjoyed getting to hear how the Lord has been moving in your life over the past year. I also enjoyed getting to share with you about the lives that have been impacted in Maryland and all over the country because of your faithfulness and generosity!

It is such a joy to get to share this journey with each of you and to work alongside you in building up the kingdom of God. Thank you for your "yes" to this mission and for making our work on campus possible!



## Meet the Team!



**Shane Chilcott**

Shane is in his fourth year with FOCUS and serves as the team director at Maryland. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Amanda Chilcott**

Amanda is in her fourth year with FOCUS and she graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. Shane and Amanda got married this past July!



**Cheyenna "Chey" Cook**

Chey is in her second year with FOCUS. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

## Coming Soon...

As was mentioned above, thousands of new and returning students will be moving to campus in the coming days in preparation for classes starting on September 2nd. Our missionary team and the student leaders at the Catholic Student Center will be making many efforts over the next few days to meet these students and introduce them to the community at the CSC!

We also have several events coming up to kick off the year including our Welcome Back BBQ on September 3rd and Freshman Late Night (a night for freshmen to get to know one another with games and activities at the CSC) on September 12th!

### Prayer Intentions:

- That our team and student leaders would be led by the Holy Spirit to students searching for Christ
- That I would have wisdom and great joy in leading the men entrusted to me this year

### 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 September how the students at Maryland were impacted during these first few weeks of the semester.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

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## More to Come Soon!

