

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THROUGH FELLOWSHIP,
FORMATION, AND THE SACRAMENTS



SEEK 26 IN FORT WORTH, TX

SEEK is a national Catholic conference that brings college students together to encounter Christ through powerful speakers, prayer, Sacraments, and authentic community. The Diocese of Brownsville took over 70 students and young adults from across the valley. It was a great opportunity to grow in fellowship with over 5,000 Catholic friends and build relationships with countless young adults.



LIVING WITNESS

During the conference, our students were recognized by Catholic speakers, such as Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, and Jackie Angel, for their enthusiasm, charisma, and politeness. They reflected genuine joy and respect in every conversation, reflecting a faith that is alive, welcoming, and deeply rooted.

A "YES" THAT BORE FRUIT

While planning for SEEK, many students expressed uncertainty about going. Choosing to go required sacrifice - both financially and by giving up time with their family during the holiday. Despite those challenges, we are blessed to share that over 45 new students joined us, making the experience even more meaningful.

IMPACT STORIES FROM STUDENTS WHO WENT TO SEEK



DIEGO LEAL

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Mission, TX

“The most impactful thing about SEEK 26 was seeing how much every person truly matters. Everyone I encountered was welcoming and supportive, even without knowing anything about me. It was powerful to experience a community where genuine care and love were given freely.

SEEK 26 truly solidified my faith. It helped me realize that God loves me exactly as I am, and that no matter what path I choose for my future, His love for me will never change.”



MYA VELAZQUEZ

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Lasara, TX

“One of the most impactful things about SEEK 26 was the women’s talks. SEEK 26 has greatly impacted my faith journey for the better. I have been encouraging my family to know more about Christ and lead them to Him. Both my family and I have been very distant towards Him. However, the talks, daily Mass, and adoration (my favorite) have led me to find my faith on my own and truly want to SEEK Him.”



DOMINIC DE LEON

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mission, TX

“What impacted me most about SEEK was not the trip, not the crowd, it was Jesus meeting me exactly where I was and calling me to more. I went into SEEK expecting to be overwhelmed with emotion, but what I received was nothing like I imagined. My walk with Christ had been good, but I knew deep down I wanted more. SEEK has impacted my faith journey by helping me do everything with more intention. SEEK helped me recognize the importance of the Lord in my life in a new way. It drew me closer to Him.”

EDITORS COLUMN:

“There are the moments when we pause and realize just how much God has done in a short amount of time. This month has been filled with encounters, conversations, and quiet transformations that remind us that the Lord is always working. I find myself seeing the students and feeling this overwhelming sense of gratitude. I am so proud and blessed to lead them and watch Christ work through them. Growth doesn’t always happen loudly. Sometimes it unfolds in quiet faithfulness and that is exactly what we are seeing in our community. Please continue to pray for our ministry.”

-Jessica Rose Pruneda
University Ministry Coordinator



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SEEK?

During SEEK our students were challenged to continue spreading the gospel in their jobs, at the University, and in their local parishes. They want to be able to share the joy and love of the gospel with as many people as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

Every Sunday Mass at 3pm - Newman Catholic Student Center

February 18th - Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:30pm in Edinburg and Brownsville UTRGV Campus

February 27th - Dr. Alex Gotay at 6:30pm in the Newman Catholic Student Center