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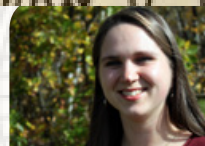
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LEAP Taking a of Faith

Amber Wsiaki



Last year, the Catholic Outreach Team was blessed with six amazing team members! They worked very hard to run a variety of retreats for youth in Manitoba. Organizers were all very impressed with the team's work. I'd like to share with you some of their feedback:

"I was very impressed with the team and how they interacted with the kids. They helped the kids feel accepted and they encouraged them to participate."

"I think that the team sharing their own personal stories really allowed the students to relate to the issue of how to develop one's faith. Everything was great and we will be back next year!"

Since June, we have noticed a marked increase in retreat requests, reminding us of the value of what we have to offer! Lacking team member applications though, we had to get creative in our approach for this year.

We turned to our great volunteers to run these retreats. Generous alumni and friends of the CSE have graciously come forward to help out. This occasion has also given us the opportunity to identify our strengths as a ministry. And so, we are thrilled to announce the newest initiative of the CSE: LEAP – Leadership Excellence Apprenticeship Program.

LEAP will run in tandem with Catholic Outreach Team program, wherein we will train high school-aged students in Christian leadership. They will receive quality formation on ministry, leadership, public speaking, and on the Catholic faith. They will then be required to assist on a number of youth retreats throughout the year, to put into practice what they have learnt. Already, high school students have been getting involved with the CSE, and enjoying the experience! LEAP is designed to provide adequate formation and growth in leadership and evangelization to participants, encouraging them to get involved in their schools and parishes.

This is a very exciting opportunity for us to revisit our strengths, and continually adapt our ministries according to the needs in the community. Exciting times! We invite school groups to take a leap of faith and join us in this new endeavour! ✠

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Camp Alumnus Discerning His Call to the Priesthood

Serge Buissé

The St. Malo Catholic Camps have done so much good in my life. Throughout my nine years of being a camper, these camps have touched me in numerous ways. They have allowed me to truly encounter God and have helped me to deepen my love for Him tremendously! The growth that I have received through coming to camps is an amazing gift for me. From all the fun activities, learning sessions, and people that I have encountered through the years, camps have helped me grow into a person who deeply

loves God and his Catholic faith. I am very thankful for all the formation these camps have given me, as well as for the many friendships and the encounters with Christ, which I have had the pleasure to experience there. I am now a seminarian at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton, discerning the call to the priesthood and giving much thanks to the St. Malo camps for helping me on this path. ✠

Serge Buissé is an alumnus of our camp program, both as a camper and as a staff member. He is now a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface.



"I know that CSE is indeed doing the Lord's work. And I also real-

ize how valuable a partner you are in the thrust of the Archdiocese as it undertakes the pastoral and spiritual renewal of the whole of the diocese."

-Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Saint-Boniface



"I was impressed by the dedication and faith knowledge of this school of evangelization and its loyalty to the Church's Magisterium [...] I commend to you for your consideration, the ministry of the Catholic School of Evangelization."

-Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Winnipeg



"As a past board member and teacher at the CSE, I have seen God at work in the lives of so many people, young and old. I personally have benefitted from their joyful and spirit-filled ministry. It has helped me become a better disciple of Christ and a more confident leader as a priest and now as a bishop." -Bishop Marcel Dampousse, Alexandria-Cornwall

CAMPS: A Life-Changing Experience

Kevin Prada



For 22 years, camps have been, for thousands of kids, a fun, life-changing experience. Camps offer kids an environment of healthy and positive friendships and of spiritual growth. This summer, the theme was Credo, so we touched on the Creed and looked at what we believe in as Catholics. So many beautiful things happened. Through a week of camps, our staff sees transformation in the lives of so many campers. And our staff is always great! They are selected because they are good role models for these youth and great witnesses to the relationship they have

with God, inviting campers into this same relationship. Lifelong relationships are being created!

I can attest to the power of the camp program, as I personally had my conversion while attending summer camps when I was 13. Today, I'm still here, ensuring that as many kids as possible are able to take advantage of this same, very special experience. I'd love to share with you what campers, parents, and staff members are saying about camps! Please see below to see what they thought of their camp experience! ✠

"Every time I go to St. Malo camp, I never want to leave because it was really fun. I learn lots, and I always feel good after. Every time I go to camp it ALWAYS reminds me that I can, and will be a saint one day if I try... We've moved just a few months ago, and St. Malo feels like home."
-Girl, 13

"There was one counselor in particular who really reached out to my daughter and helped her truly understand God's love for her. She talks about

this experience often and has now expressed an interest in helping others who feel lonely. Thank-you so much!!"
-Parent

"It is not just a camp it is a spiritual retreat. My children come home excited and can't wait till the next camp!"
-Parent

"The staff was fun. I also learned new songs. I made new friends, and I liked playing ninja."
-Boy, 8

"Wow! My son came back home completely changed... Keep up the good work."
-Parent

"My second week of counseling was an experience that really changed me... Through my relationship with one camper in particular, I really deepened my relationship and my trust in the Lord. Since then, my ways of acting and praying have changed dramatically."
-Jean DeCorby-Roy, QC, staff

Serge Buissé with campers during 2014 summer camp season
See Serge's testimony on page 2



Save the date!

EMMAUS
Come for some prayer and fellowship!
Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Hall C, Saint-Boniface Pastoral Centre (622 Taché Ave.)

CSE Annual Banquet
Come have a great meal and support the CSE!
When?: Friday, April 17th, 2015
Where?: Hall of Saint-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish (289 Dussault Ave.)
Please contact the CSE for more info!

MUSIC retreat
Come develop your giftedness as a musician in your parish!
June 5th to 7th, 2015, at the CSE!

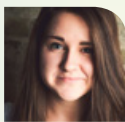
Supporter Appreciation Event
For all supporters of the CSE! Formal invitations will be mailed out shortly.
February 8th, 2015, 2 p.m., 622 Taché Ave.

Summer Camps!
Register online! www.stmalocamps.net
Summer Camp dates are announced! The early bird deadline to get a discounted registration for summer camps is May 29th!

Support the CSE at the Co-op
Contribute your Red River Co-op refunds to the CSE by using the number below!
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EMMAUS

Janelle Lafantaisie



I have had the pleasure of being on the core team for Emmaus Prayer Meeting for the past two years, and have enjoyed every minute of it. Emmaus is a weekly prayer gathering for young adults in the Winnipeg area.

As a core team, we decided to start this year using a whole new approach. With a little bit of brainstorming and a lot of prayer and discernment, we've come back in touch with and re-committed to the original goal of this ministry: prayer. We are called Emmaus Prayer Meeting, after all! Emmaus is a small retreat from people's busy week to come and reconnect with God.

Every week, there is a different theme. Sometimes it's based on the feast day of a particular saint, other times, it's on discovering new and different prayer methods. We're also exploring praise and worship in new lengths. We're learning how to come to God with our voices, regardless of how in (or out of)-tune they are, and praise God with all that we are. It's been amazing!

Prayer is such a gift, and at its core, it

is so honest and pure. And we believe that this genuine relationship with God is one of the best ways to witness to others. We invite others into this deep relationship with Christ, which we are encouraged to nourish every week through Emmaus. Prayer is fundamental to being Christian, and we want to share this gift with someone new, whether they be Catholic, Christian, or simply curious. We're welcoming others into this intimate relationship that we are fostering with our maker. We're not preaching or teaching, we're just praying.

Emmaus has become the favourite part of my week. I feel truly blessed to be part of this ministry and I can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us! Emmaus happens every Wednesday at 7:30p.m. at the Saint-Boniface Pastoral Centre, 622 Taché Avenue. It is open to anyone and everyone. Bring a friend! ☘

Wish List...

The CSE is in need of the following gently used items! If you are interested in donating any of these, please email kevin@catholicway.net.

- Rubberized entrance carpets
- Linoleum or tile flooring
- Bicycles (kids and adults)
- Office supplies (paper...)
- Children car seats
- Sports equipment
- LCD projector
- Lawn mower
- Gas cards
- Snow blower
- Weed whacker
- Office chairs
- Filing cabinets
- Fridge
- Shovels
- Minivan

2013-14 Activities Report



OUR
OUTREACH TEAM TRAVELLED
8733 kms

**"WE ARE
leaders IN THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION. WE INVITE YOUNG PEOPLE
TO *know* AND *follow* Jesus."**

LED
**70
retreats**

TOUCHED THE LIVES OF OVER
1200 youth

OVER
**300
campers**
ATTENDED SUMMER AND WINTER CAMPS

35 staff members
RAN THE CAMP PROGRAM

**3 STAFF MEMBERS CAME FROM ABROAD:
Ontario, Québec, Ireland**

OVER
**50 CSE
alumni**

HAVE SINCE GOTTEN
INVOLVED WITH OTHER MAJOR
NATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRIES
SUCH AS NET, CCO, FACE TO FACE, STE. THÉRÈ
SCHOOL OF FAITH AND MISSION...

**1 ALUMNUS HAS BEEN ORDAINED TO THE *priesthood*,
3 ARE CURRENTLY IN THE *seminary*,
AND 1 HAS JOINED THE *religious life*.**



YES! I would like to partner with the Catholic School of Evangelization in its mission of evangelization!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Tel. no.: _____

☐ One time donation of: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$500 or ☐ \$_____

☐ Monthly donation of: ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 or ☐ \$_____

I would like to donate through:

☐ My chequing account (please include a void cheque)

☐ My credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card# _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. date: ____ / ____ Security Number: _____

☐ I hereby authorize the Catholic School of Evangelization to make a monthly deduction from my bank account or credit card for the amount indicated above starting on the **15th** of _____mm _____yyyy

☐ **Please correspond with me by email. Email address:** _____

Allowing us to correspond with you by email allows us to reduce our printing and postage fees. Thank you!

Signature: _____

**THANK
YOU!**

NEW! Donate online!

You can now make a one-time donation online through our secure PayPal network! Simply visit catholicway.net and click on the Donate button!

Donations of \$10 or more are tax-deductible (reg # 13441 2998 RR0001). Receipts are issued yearly by February.
Your bank or credit card statement will indicate the CSE's receipt of your donation.

catholicway.net

2013-14 Financial Report



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Put Out into the Deep

Anita Vander Aa

The words “put out into the deep” have been a re-occurring message for the last few months. It has been a message of encouragement and a reminder of God’s faithfulness, especially in times of struggle.

Lately, when hearing about the other wonderful ministries that are a part of our Church here in Canada, it is easy for me to get discouraged about our seemingly small ministry here in St. Malo, Manitoba. Are we being effective? Have we made the world a better place? Are we truly following God’s plan for us? Are we reaching out – living out our mission?

I would like to borrow a phrase, which is actually the

tag line from the radio show “Vinyl Café”, “We are not big, but we are small”. When I think back to the over 20 years that the CSE has been open, and see how it has been a stepping stone for so many people, I am honoured to be a part of an organization that, as small as it is, has had a great impact.

As we continue to put out into the deep, and trust that God will provide, I invite you to join us in the mission of evangelization in whatever way you can. As you see in this newsletter and in our activities report, much has happened and much is planned for our future. God is at work! Join in the adventure! It is our mission... and yours! ☩

Donating Trends

Total Number of Donations (2013).....	1165
Total Number of Donors (2013).....	483
Total Number of Monthly Donors.....	62
Average Donation Amount per Donor	\$127
Average Monthly Donation Amount.....	\$45

Total Revenue

Donations and Gifts.....	\$148,860
Activity-Generated Revenue.....	\$66,580
Grants.....	\$10,780
Total Revenue	\$226,220

Total Expenses

Fundraising and Advertisement.....	\$3,060
Building Maintenance, Utilities.....	\$21,810
Ministry Expenses.....	\$114,480
Admin Expenses.....	\$141,260
Total Expenses	\$280,610

*Dollar figures shown above have been rounded to the nearest ten.
Copies of an in-depth financial report is available upon request.*