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Vocations



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A Family CSE

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Activities Report

Have you ever heard of love at first sight? Well the experience we had when we first met wasn't quite love at first sight - it was actually one of annoyance and indifference...

We were both students at the Catholic School of Evangelization's Discipleship Formation Program (DFP), and our very first encounter was in class. Jared had joined the DFP program a little later in the year. It was mid-October, and he entered our class to introduce himself to the team. When Jared met me, his first reaction was certainly not one of love at first sight. In his own words, what passed through his mind was: "Wow, she's a keener, that could get annoying!". I, on the other hand, have very little recollection of that first day. Obviously, I was really quite indifferent about Jared joining the team. Little did either of us realize we had just met our future spouse!

Through our DFP year, the CSE provided us with a healthy environment where we could grow in our faith personally, and also kindle a relationship with each other solely based on friendship.

This allowed us to build a solid foundation.

As the year came to a close, we came to find complementarity in our differences, and saw that our similar visions for the future were a good match. After graduation, Jared and I began courting, which eventually resulted in the lifelong commitment of marriage. Since, God has blessed our commitment with two beautiful children.

We both know that love is a choice and we will continue to make that choice daily for the rest of our lives. We have had many obstacles to overcome in our ten years of marriage, but God has always remained at the center of it all, and He continues to guide us through every day. We are forever grateful to the CSE. It truly is a place where God makes miracles happen, as He did in our lives and in the lives of so many more! ✠



From left to right: Ethan,
Diana, Kayla and Jared



Kurt
Nugent *nSM*

student '06-'07,
staff member '09-'12

Reflecting on the several years I spent at the CSE as a student and subsequently a staff member, I am reminded of the indelible mark it made on my heart and life. It gave me a profoundly comprehensive formation in Catholic spirituality, thought, and missionary skills. Above all, the intentional Christian community life the CSE invited me into was the cause for my discernment and commitment to be a Marianist brother.

Reflecting the spirit of Pope Francis, the campers, students, volunteers, and staff together made joy and forgiveness infectious. As each person carefully supported and challenged each other to grow in Christian virtue, I learned how to accept, understand, and cherish my deepest self in light of the Father's tender love.

Facing myself in this way has been crucial to listening to the Holy Spirit's call. As I encountered Jesus in the prayer life of the CSE, I also learned how to encounter God in those with whom I lived. This was most beautiful, as it dared me to be gracefully transformed by the differences and difficulties of others. Ultimately, the CSE formed in my heart an insatiable passion for nurturing the presence of God in all I meet. For this, I am forever grateful. ✠



Elaine
Jeanson

student '06-'07,
staff member '09-'12

I've served at the CSE under many different titles: I was a camper and counselor for many years, I attended the Discipleship Formation Program (DFP) during the 2006-'07 school year, and was subsequently also the Domestic Needs Coordinator for two years within the Outreach Team. Needless to say, the CSE and my involvement therein have played a huge part in my life.

Since my DFP year, two of my fellow classmates have joined religious communities! This fills my heart with joy and excitement, especially as I can now count myself the third from my class to start a journey along the road of religious life. I entered aspirancy with the community of the Queenship of Mary in Ottawa in August of this year!

Through the years, the CSE became my second home. The community I built there showed me that Jesus is real and that the call to religious life is not weird or outdated. Throughout my years spent at the CSE, this community provided opportunities of personal growth, great friendships, solid faith formation and constant support and encouragement. Today I can look back and see that through my involvement at the CSE, God truly helped me to say yes to the call of religious life! ✠

RETREATS

REVIVE Retreat

February 17th to 20th

An unforgettable retreat for 14 to 17 year olds! Games, sports, prayer times, and amazing friendships. Register today!

Virtual Lenten Retreat

March 1st to April 17th

Subscribe to our daily e-mail reflections starting Ash Wednesday and ending Easter Sunday.

Triduum Retreat

April 13th to 17th

Come and delve more deeply into the beautiful mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

Mother-Daughter

May 6th to 7th

Calling all mothers & daughters! This retreat will provide you with an experience to grow in relationship with each other and with God.

MUSIC Retreat

May 26th to 28th

Come and develop your giftedness as a musician and as a christian artist!

Save the Date!

EMMAUS Come for prayer and fellowship!
NEW: Every Wednesday at 7:30pm, at the Family Room of the Villa Aulneau (601 Aulneau Rd.).

CSE Annual Banquet
Come have a great meal and support the CSE!
When?: Friday, May 12th, 2017
Where?: Hall of Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish (289 Dussault Ave.)
Please contact the CSE for more info!

#Giving Tuesday
Tuesday November 29th, 2016
Giving Tuesday is an international initiative which invites you to consider giving of yourself! Please consider the CSE in your Giving Tuesday gift.
Great opportunity to get in last-minute donations for a 2016 tax receipt!

Winter Camps!
****NEW:** Exceptionally, the ONLY winter camp to be held this year will be the REVIVE retreat! Due to a change in leadership, we're putting our focus to make this an extra amazing retreat for grades 9 to 12!
Register online for REVIVE!
www.stmalocamps.net

Support the CSE at the Co-op
Contribute your Red River Co-op refunds to the CSE by using the number below at the till!
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Supporter Appreciation Event
We sincerely wish to thank all our donors and volunteers who give so generously of themselves to the ministries of the CSE!
Date and Location TBD

Bishop Marcel Dampousse

Bishop of Sault-Ste-Marie

Every vocation is unique and it is in fact very interesting to see how God has fashioned and worked in a person through the years, making them who they are today. The journey that brought me to where I am today as Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie has its origins in my home province of Manitoba. My family, my parish in St. Joseph, my many educational institutions, my travels and pilgrimages, my friends and the parishes that were confided to my care, each collaborated to my journey, to my formation and to my discernment.

I am glad to highlight the significant part the CSE had in all this, having been an important stage for me during my first years as a priest. I was never a student or a camper at the CSE, but I learnt a great deal as a teacher for

the Discipleship Formation Program, in my participation at winter and summer camps, and also as confessor and preacher at the CSE. Even my role within the CSE's Board of Directors was a formative experience for me. Team work, conflict resolution, confidence in Providence, patience, perseverance and the gift of self are only a few of the many examples of the important ways in which the CSE fed my vocation as a priest and also prepared me to undertake greater responsibilities as bishop. I am also grateful to the youth and adults who were thirsty to better know the Lord and His teachings. They called me out in my faith and helped me to deepen it. The Lord was certainly at work through these years spent at the CSE and for this, I am deeply grateful! ☩



Fr. Charles Fillion

Student '92-'93, camp counsellor '93-'96, pastor at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish

Since the age of 15, I knew I was called to be a priest. But time went on, and after a brief trial run, I discerned that the Lord wanted me to serve elsewhere. In 1992, I decided to take time at the CSE, which had then just recently opened its doors. But I had an agenda: I wanted the Lord to lead me to a full-time job. At the end of that year, Gilbert Vielfaure, the Executive Director at the time, asked me to lead a new initiative: the Good News summer camps (now known as the St-Malo Catholic Camps).

In November of 1993, the Lord sent me to the Trappist Monastery in Holland, Manitoba, not to become a monk, but rather to work in their Cheese House. Every following summer, I would return to St-Malo to work at summer camps.

Three camp seasons later, during the 1996 summer camps, the Lord surprised me by the questions of three young campers. The first asked me if I was a priest. I answered no. The second asked if I was a seminarian. With a surprised look I said no. The third asked if I was thinking about it. With this third question, I knew that the Lord was speaking to me. Through these campers' questions, the Lord was telling me that it was time to answer His call. I answered the call I heard through these kids, and entered the Seminary that Fall. God blessed me and I was ordained to the priesthood on April 27th, 2001, a call, which was confirmed through three campers in the summer of 1996. ☩

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
- Altar cloths
- Office supplies
- Child's car seats
- Lawn mower
- Snow Blower
- Fridge
- Chasubles
- Corelle dishes
- Pews

**NEW website!

We have just launched our new website to serve you better! The address has not changed but everything else has been transformed! Visit us today! www.catholicway.net

'Giving Tuesday' November 29th

This year on Giving Tuesday, the CSE is inviting you to join us in our invaluable mission to the youth of Manitoba, by becoming a monthly giver. Monthly gifts allow us to have the stable financial support needed to bring youth to Christ. Your help is essential. Every penny is used to lead youth to Christ.

For more information on becoming a monthly donor, or to make a one-time donation, contact Stella, stella@catholicway.net, or call us: 204-347-5396!

THANK YOU!

PRAYER intentions

We pray for our benefactors daily! We invite you to send us your prayer intentions for us to include them with ours!

Send your prayer intentions here:
anita@catholicway.net



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: _____

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.

Welcome to the Kirpluks!



From Left to Right: Eve (3 years), Christopher, Violet (6), Samson (8), Maximilian (2 months), Danielle.

Christopher and Danielle are excited for their family to be taking on this new adventure as Host Family for the CSE. They will be living at the CSE for the next year. Through their presence, they will offer a warm presence to all our rental groups, and will also take care of building maintenance. Christopher was raised near Chicago, Illinois, and Danielle grew up near Ste. Anne, Manitoba. Their Catholic faith drew them together, prompting Chris to move to Manitoba where he worked at the CSE as a missionary. This eventually

led to their commitment to the sacrament of marriage. They will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this Fall.

Today, Chris works as a Financial Analyst for the Province of Manitoba and Danielle is a stay-at-home / homeschooling mom. Their family enjoys spending time together in nature, attending community events, travel and participating in music and sporting activities. They hope this year brings many blessing to them and others as they serve the church through this ministry. ☩

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!



Director's *REPORT*

Anita Vander Aa

Since its beginning in the fall of 1992, the Catholic School of Evangelization has invited all to enter into a deeper encounter with Jesus through prayer, retreats and community life. One of the many fruits borne out of our nearly 25 years of ministry is that the CSE has become a place for young people to discern what their next step in life will be. Many have come broken, some even unsure that they have anything to offer to the world, and have left the CSE with a greater sense of God's call in their life – a greater sense of their vocation. God truly touched them through their involvement at the CSE.

It is such an honour for us at the CSE to have played a small part in the spiritual journey of so many. Each of our alumni, whether they've served on our Outreach Team, at camps, or been part of our DFP program - and naturally our supporters too! - have played, and continue to play, a fundamental role in touching the lives of so many with the Good News of Jesus' Love and Mercy. By your gift, you have directly contributed to the evangelization of so many. Thank

you! As we continue to grow as a family, I invite you all to pray for an increase in vocations – an increase in the formation of healthy families, priests, and religious brothers and sisters.

The world around us changes one heart at a time, by our personal commitment to love our God and our neighbour as Jesus did. Our commitment to love plays an important part in the transformation of each heart. Sometimes it can seem overwhelming when we look at the state of our world and see how much of a need there is for Jesus. But as St. Teresa of Calcutta said: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." Who is that person nearest to you whom God is calling you to love?

God has acted powerfully through your gift of time, talent or treasure at the CSE. He has touched many hearts through our apostolates thanks to you, and for this, I am truly grateful. Please know that we pray for all of our donors. I am very grateful for your generosity, and I pray that God blesses you abundantly for your gift, as He has also blessed us. Please join us in praying for all these youth God touches through the CSE, and especially for their vocations. We pray in thanksgiving for all the vocations God has brought out of the CSE, and for those who are still discerning, that He may shed a light on their path. ✠

Activities Report 2015-2016



150 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE
Family Conference

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

341 participants
FROM 10 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN OUR
VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT

38 kids
OF ALUMNI CAME TO
SUMMER CAMPS

82 HOURS PRAYED AT
Emmaus

320 campers
CAME TO SUMMER AND WINTER CAMPS

48 staff members worked
AT SUMMER CAMPS

18 teens WERE PART OF OUR
COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

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

4 ALUMNI *married* THIS SUMMER,
4 ARE CURRENTLY IN THE *seminary*,
AND 6 HAVE JOINED THE *religious life*.

★ 2015-'16 FINANCIAL Report

The CSE's 2015-'16 Financial Report will be available online
December 15th, 2016. Stay tuned!

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