



The staff of the Evangelical Catholic wishes you a merry Christmas

From left: Jason Simon, *Executive Director*; Katelin Cummins, *Office Manager*; Chip Carey, *First Year Trainee*; Samantha Luedtke, *Director of Events, Second Year Trainee*; **Andrea Daniel**, *Director of Publications, Second Year Trainee*; **Shaun Blanchard**, *NC Ministry Associate* (**Not pictured:** Grace Simon, *Associate Director*; Faye Darnall, *Director of Resource Development*)

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Spreading Stories of Great Joy

The most inspiring thing about being part of the mission of the Evangelical Catholic is seeing how striking one small match instantly blazes into fire! Our Virtual Institute is both introducing campus ministers to our methods and helping those who are ready implement one-on-ones and small groups. Our trainees are nurturing EC ministries at campuses across the nation. This year we went from offering one summer evangelization training camp to four, exponentially increasing the number of campuses and people we form in the joy of evangelization.

Again and again we find our church is exactly what Jesus said: "ripe for the harvest" (Jn 4:35). This newsletter shares with you, our supporters, stories of a kind the staff hears all over the country, that you too may rejoice this Advent in this beautiful response to the work made possible by your prayers and contributions. We thank God for you every single day, and for the privilege of this work. God bless you during this Advent Season!

University of Wisconsin Madison

"The only part of my youth I did not enjoy was the weekly Sunday trip to Mass. I sat with my family, stared at the alluring stained glass windows, and analyzed the priest's wardrobe from week to week. Upon coming to UW-Madison, I was blessed with a few friends who introduced me to the St. Paul's community. Everyone was genuinely real and radiated this thing I couldn't identify, but it kept me coming back. People were smiling and laughing. Was I at church?

The Doubting Thomas I was, the statement 'I believe in God,' did NOT regularly come out of my mouth. I didn't believe it. I didn't understand. Over the next few months, I started to meet with Sam Luedtke, (EC trainee), a very special woman who was there to guide my scattered and confused brain. She never pushed, she only listened. Today, God and I are friends. I know God has my back and always will."

Anne Marx, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Sophomore



Harvard University

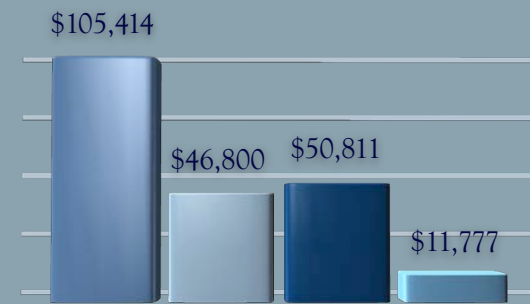
"Throughout this semester I have been attending a Discipleship Training Group led by EC trainee, Andrea Daniel. Being able to meet with a group every week to solidify our faith lives has been invaluable in strengthening my connection to Christ. Through scripture memorization, discussing Bible passages and sharing our faith stories with each other DTG has helped me more concretely realize just what it means to be God's disciple.

Additionally, by providing me with ways to fortify my personal prayer life, DTG has not only prepared me but excited me to share my faith life. I can't wait to meet with other Harvard Catholics in one-on-one discipling relationships in coming semesters."

Michelle Sirois, Harvard University, Junior

Financial Picture 2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year

Income total: \$214,802



- Individual Donations
- Grants
- Ministry Income
- Materials Sales

Expenses total: \$228,768



- Evangelization Training and Partnerships
- National Evangelization Conferences
- Campus Ministry Training Program
- Development
- Office Management
- Evangelization Materials (Print and Online)

EC Evangelization Materials for Lent!

These books follow the Sunday readings and are useful for personal or group growth in Christ during Lent. Though written for small group discussions, they would also provide rich material for one-on-one meetings with a friend, co-worker, or family member to help them experience deeper conversion.



View table of contents and introduction; order online at
<http://www.evangelicalcatholic.org/materials>

Early order by January 8 for delivery two weeks before Ash Wednesday
Early order discount: \$7.50 per copy, \$9.00 after Jan 8.

The EC in Action

- ✦ Evangelization Training Camps in North Carolina, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Missouri last summer reached 90 campus ministry leaders.
- ✦ Jason Simon, the EC's Executive Director, spoke to 150 young adults last summer at St. Clement's Theology on Tap in Chicago.
- ✦ Jason trained 10 student leaders for One-on-Ones at UNC - Chapel Hill.
- ✦ 30 leaders attended the EC Campus Ministry Track at Emmaus Journey's "Vision of Hope" conference in CO on All Saints Weekend.
- ✦ 130 young adults got excited about their faith at the San Diego Wide Awake II Conference in November.
- ✦ Jason trained 30 Harvard student leaders for evangelization.
- ✦ Campus Ministry Association Executive Board elected Jason as Vice-Chair in charge of membership and long-range planning.



Since September the EC has been training campus ministers remotely via conference calls. These conference calls are part of the *EC Virtual Institute*, a new, exciting initiative to provide tangible, personal training experiences to campus ministers without the costs of travel. Conference calls range on topics from starting small group Bible studies to developing a vision for ministry on campus. Anyone is welcome to call in, regardless of past participation in EC training. Access past conference calls at www.evangelicalcatholic.org/training-and-events/online-training.

"These monthly conference calls have been such an encouragement to me. Oftentimes, after a conference, the fire tends to die. I am so pleased and blessed that it is NOT this way with Jason and the Evangelical Catholic. The conference calls serve as a reminder and a refresher for my commitment as a director to stay with it. They provide us with a new approach, or a different aspect to our ongoing formation efforts."

Deacon Richard Papini, Catholic Campus Ministry University of Central Arkansas and Hendrix College



Campus Ministry Training Program

This unique EC opportunity allows recent college graduates to solidify their relationship with Christ and acquire the skills necessary to serve Christ on campus. Our two-year program provides an experiential learning environment where trainees absorb skills by working alongside mentors who have practiced ministry for years. As they are established and equipped, trainees minister to students on their own with the mentor's support and supervision. The trainees return to their home campuses in their second year to serve with the existing ministry.

Since its inception in July 2009, the Campus Ministry Training Program has steadily expanded. We look forward to forming many more recent graduates from campuses nationwide in the EC vision for evangelization, and to helping them bring new vitality to their alma maters, as well as, in time, the entire church!

Here is a glimpse into the exciting work of our three current trainees...

"We are so privileged to watch Chip, Sam, and Andrea become leaders that can both communicate and execute the Church's call to the new evangelization!"
~ Jason Simon, Executive Director of the EC and mentor to EC trainees

Applications for the 2011-2013 class of trainees are due February 1, 2011. Visit www.evangelicalcatholic.org/training-and-events/training-program-and-partnerships for more details.



Chip Carey ~ Year 1 EC Trainee

"I've especially loved growing as a worship leader this semester. Over time, I've learned not only to lead the music but also to guide the band and the whole group deeper into prayer as we sing to Jesus. The Alpha Omega nights are the highlight of my week and the Holy Spirit is truly present in our praise and worship!"

- ◆ Draws an average of 130 college students into prayer through music at weekly Large Group.
- ◆ Boosts EC's efforts in North Carolina, co-laboring with EC staff to expand relationships with several campuses, including UNC - Chapel Hill.
- ◆ Makes publications shine through his contributions as writer and designer.



Samantha Luedtke ~ Year 2 EC Trainee

EC Coordinator of Events

"This year I have focused my time and energy on Alpha-Omega, our large group outreach ministry. It has been a blessing to see so many students' lives transformed through the joy in Christ A-O brings."

- ◆ Makes our Large Group outreach night happen for an average of 130 students every week.
- ◆ Helped equip campus ministers and students from around the nation by organizing our 4 Evangelization Training Camps last summer.
- ◆ Offered evangelistic outreach to over 400 students and pastoral ministers by co-ordinating our Wide Awake Conferences in San Diego, Chicago and Chapel Hill.

Andrea Daniel ~ Year 2 EC Trainee

Harvard Associate Chaplain ~ EC Coordinator of Publications

"When I returned to Harvard this year, I brought back a fire and a confidence that I didn't have before, especially to the Discipleship Training Group I launched this fall. Learning to care for this group of students has helped me to grow as a disciple even as I encourage and teach them to faithfully follow Jesus."

- ◆ Forms and trains Harvard leadership to implement a comprehensive plan of evangelization on campus through small groups, one-on-ones, and retreats.
- ◆ Keeps the EC looking exciting for young-adult outreach in our newsletters and publications.
- ◆ Prepares Harvard students for one-on-one outreach through Discipleship Training Group.

