

GET TO KNOW EC SUPPORTERS: Tina & Tony Carbrello



Tina is a Research Scientist working in the Research & Development Division of a company that makes and sells products that serve the Biosciences. Tony is currently serving the Church as a Coordinator of Religious Education in a parish of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Tina and I have been greatly blessed through the fruit of the EC in different ways. For Tina, it was the EC influence on the ministry of St. Paul's University Catholic Center at UW-Madison's graduate student ministry. She became on fire through attending and later leading a bible study for St. Paul's. She has seen the fruit, and been the beneficiary of, the spiritual multiplication that the EC looks to achieve. It is easy to support a ministry where you have experienced firsthand the fruit it bears. I have worked in a variety of roles in the Church, where I have applied EC principles of spiritual multiplication to campus ministry, diocesan youth leadership, and high school campus and parish ministry. I find the resources of the EC to be unique and fruitful. I believe the EC provides relevant ministry to meet the needs of the Church now and in the future, and that is a ministry I want to support. The decision to support the EC is easy to make. We know Jason and the EC staff are working hard to further the new evangelization that the Church has called for since the Second Vatican Council.



EC trainees Samantha Luedtke & Andrea Daniel (from left) spend time with Harvard students Michelle and Camila at the Evangelization Training Camp in Boston.

EVANGELIZATION TRAINING, YEAR 2

This summer marks the conclusion of the first year of the Campus Ministry Training Program, begun by the EC last summer. Samantha Luedtke and Andrea Daniel arrived in Madison last July to start their training for ministry under the direction of Grace and Jason Simon. Both young women grew and flourished in the challenging and rewarding UW Madison mission field this year. Next year, Samantha will continue to serve the community she has come to love at UW Madison, while Andrea will return to her alma mater, Harvard College. At Harvard, Andrea will work beside students and staff to revitalize the ministry's vision for evangelization.



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Jason Simon, executive director of the EC, walks student leaders at University of North Carolina through the essentials of effective ministry.

*North Carolina Evangelization Training Camp
May 9 - 13, 2010*

EC IMPACT: forming disciples, training leaders

With an already fruitful year of intentional work with campus ministries across the country and the success of three "Wide Awake" Young Adult Conferences, anticipation filled the hearts of the EC staff as the summer arrived. In May, the staff traveled to North Carolina and Massachusetts for two five-day Evangelization Training Camps, virtually back-to-back. The camps formed and equipped campus ministers and student ministry leaders with tools for prayer and fruitful ministry on their campuses.

The EC has been all over the U.S. this year, traveling to North Carolina, California, Illinois, Vermont, Nebraska, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and, by the end of the summer: Dallas, Texas. Truly the harvest is abundant! In the next couple of pages, see what the campus ministries, parishes and dioceses across the country have to say about their partnership with the Evangelical Catholic.

When I came to Jason Simon last July and asked him how Arkansas could start up a dorm ministry in, oh, 6 weeks, he laughed...and then volunteered to help in whatever way he could. So from sending PowerPoint training shows to praying with me on the phone to sharing EC texts with us, Jason gave me the expertise, confidence, and faith I needed to empower these students to step up into Christian leadership. We launched 6 dorm-based bible studies and 3 off-campus groups in Fall 2009. Most remarkable was the transformation of the student leaders themselves. One came back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after years away; another is now exploring opportunities in youth ministry; one is leaning towards international Christian service after college; one can't wait to start a young adult bible study in his new parish in Arizona. We're excited about year number two in 2010-11, and I am grateful to Jason and the Evangelical Catholic for all of their support!

*~ Jay Carney, Campus Minister,
University of Arkansas*

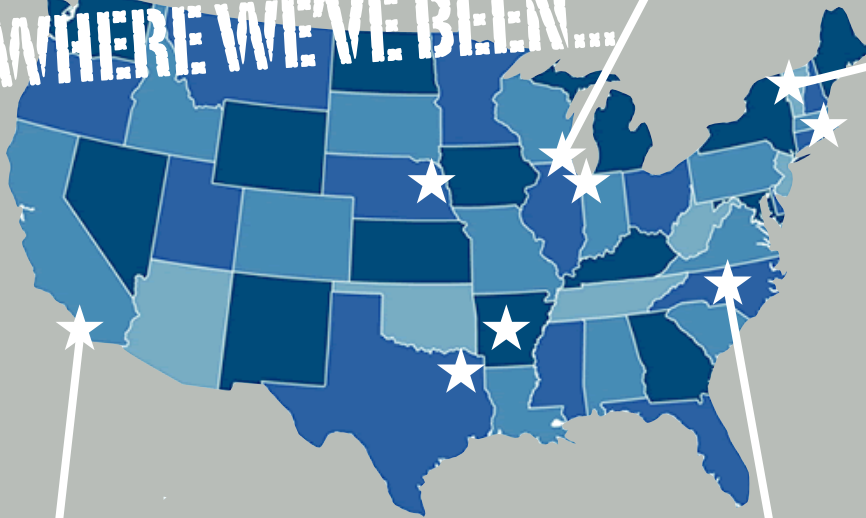
WAUWATOSA, WI

St. Joseph Congregation in Wauwatosa has begun working with the Evangelical Catholic in an effort to begin a renewal and revitalization of parish life. We prayerfully decided to work with the EC because we were impressed with their level of fidelity and fervor to the mission of Jesus, as it is being realized in His Church in the call to the New Evangelization. Our renewal and evangelization effort has focused on, and will continue to focus on, small group ministry and personal friendships. Upon finishing the first "wave" of small faith-sharing groups, we have heard and experienced nothing but excitement. Future planning is now underway, and it involves long range strategic planning, utilizing the best of the Church's experience, doctrine, and pastoral practice. The EC has been wonderful at assessing our needs, and configuring the best practices to our specific needs. "Patient urgency" is perhaps a good phrase to summarize the tone of our work with the EC. The work is urgent because evangelization pertains to the deepest identity of the Church's vocation, and it is a question of the salvation of souls. Yet the work must be patient, because it involves much prayer and abandonment to God's providence, and also intentional and calculated planning.

~ Peter Andrastek, St. Joseph Congregation, Wauwatosa, WI

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WHERE WE'VE BEEN...



BURLINGTON, VT

Since May 2009, the partnership with the Evangelical Catholic and Saint Michael's College has flourished and so has our ministry on campus. At our first retreat with the EC, our student leaders received not only a more comprehensive model for ministry but also a contagious enthusiasm for being Christ's hands and feet to other students. The student leaders came away from the weekend feeling encouraged, supported and inspired. As meaningful as that first retreat was for the students, perhaps even more significant has been the continued support and partnership with the Evangelical Catholic as we have transitioned into a ministry reflecting the EC model at our small, Catholic college in New England. In weekly phone conversations with Jason, he has continued to be a consistent and invaluable resource for me...The investment that the EC has put into our ministry has been extraordinary, and the sincerity and encouragement they have provided us has been essential to the continuing transformation of our work on campus.

~ Anna Lester, Campus Minister, St. Michael's College, VT

SAN DIEGO, CA

The diocese of San Diego has been working in collaboration with the EC for three years now and we feel so blessed! Jason came out in January to do a training on Evangelization for a group of 50 eager and zealous college students and young adults. From that training, five campuses and young adult groups have directly implemented what was learned by starting small group Lenten bible studies using the EC's *Connection to the Cross*. The small groups have been very positive and fruitful and there are great things happening. We have used the *Connection to Christ* books as well as *The Way of a Disciple* which have both been extremely fruitful. Jason is available and willing to walk and encourage leaders through all steps of the process. Our hope is to continue collaborating with EC in the future! What a gift they are to helping accomplish the mission of the Church and changing the world.

~ Carrie Giebel, Diocese of San Diego

CHAPEL HILL, NC

The EC worked with our leaders and empowered them to feel confident talking about their faith. With new found confidence and zeal our students worked diligently with the Evangelical Catholic to lead a Catholic conference on the heart of our University's campus, the first of its kind!

~ Kelly Dunlop, Campus Minister, UNC Chapel Hill

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THE EC FAMILY GROWS

MEET SHAUN BLANCHARD



Hi, my name is Shaun Blanchard and I graduated from University of North Carolina in 2009. I'm at Oxford finishing a Master's in Modern Christian Doctrine. I couldn't be more excited about coming to Madison to work with the EC next fall. I enjoy reading and writing about the faith, but I'm even more enthused about actually working with people my age, growing in my faith, and helping others to evangelize and feel comfortable talking about our Lord. I can't wait to meet you all - please pray for me in the meantime!

MEET CHIP CAREY

Hey everybody! My name is Chip Carey and I just graduated from the University of North Carolina. I'm pumped to be joining the team at EC and moving up to Madison for the EC's Campus Ministry Training Program (though I'm a little concerned about the cold...). I'm looking forward to learning about ministry work and how to bring my faith to others. I can't wait to work at UW and see the awesome things the Lord has in store for the campus this year. I hope I get a chance to meet many of you this year and talk with you about my experiences. I'm hoping that everything I learn will help me to go back to UNC ready and help bring people closer to Christ.



LIFTING WEIGHTS AT TRAINING CAMP

There is something about training for a race that challenges prior knowledge, builds endurance, and motivates change. The training that occurred at the Evangelization Training Camps in North Carolina and Boston in May reflects these same characteristics; prior beliefs of how campus ministries were supposed to run were challenged, endurance was built through formation in prayer and leadership skills, and change happened through the deepening realization that Christ is at the center of it all. The first few days of the camps pushed the students and campus ministers to desire a deeper connection with Christ, so that out of the overflow of their hearts, their mouths could speak (Matt. 12:34). Through this overflow, deep love for others poured forth from the participants and they began to see ministry not through the lens of programming but through intentional love.

In Boston, the burden of programming and unsuccessful attempts at evangelization weighed down the spirit of a particular campus minister. Throughout the camp, she kept coming back to the students that she serves, desiring for more to know the love of Christ since over 60% of her campus is Catholic and only a handful show up for Mass on Sundays. Through the EC model, she realized that it was possible to plug students in through small groups and one-on-one mentoring. As the EC methods for evangelization were explained to her, the weight of despair lifted from her shoulders and hope beamed in her eyes. She saw the benefit of persevering, of running the race to the end for the sake of the students on her campus. The training that she received was pivotal to this change in her heart as a campus minister. Without it, she would have continued to run the race until she eventually burned out. Now, the time and effort she put into this week of training will allow her to run the race with joy.

Students from UNC enjoy an afternoon small group.

