



## Ministry Update

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### New EC Internship Program

***“Go, therefore, and make disciples.”***  
**Matthew 28:19**

This summer, the EC is starting its first internship program. Our two interns, both recent college graduates, have been integral campus ministry leaders as undergrads and are excited to be trained to grow in their gifts of evangelization. Sam and Andrea speak easily of their love for Christ, the Sacraments, and the Scriptures and have modeled this love already through their zeal as undergrads. We are excited that they will be joining the EC and feel confident that they will be a great blessing to the campus ministries that they will work with over the course of this two year internship program.

Beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>, Andrea and Sam will arrive in Madison for a full year of hands-on campus ministry training. During the coming 2009-2010 school year, they will be doing campus ministry on the UW-Madison campus alongside the dynamic evangelical Catholic campus ministry staff at St. Paul's. They will lead small groups, provide one-on-one mentoring for undergraduate students, and work on national ministry projects with the EC Staff. The EC will lead their formation so that they learn proven ministry skills and grow in leadership and professional skills.

For the second year, the interns plan to return to their home campuses in order to use their training and formation with the EC to engage in the mission of evangelization at their alma mater campus. The EC staff will continue to provide mentoring and guidance to Sam and Andrea remotely and will visit their campuses at least twice during the year to provide support.

Through this internship program, we hope to form and train future leaders for the Church, as well as to continue demonstrating to other campus ministries the fruit of evangelization that is both intentional and relational.



“Hello! My name is Samantha (Sam) Luedtke and I am a recent graduate of Marquette University. During my time at MU, I faced that inevitable question: “What do you want to be when you grow-up?” A doctor? A lawyer? A teacher? I think I considered all of those choices, but I realized that it is not so much about a particular profession; rather, a vocation or “calling” in life to serve God in a particular capacity. Right now, God is calling me to Madison for the Catholic Evangelization Internship with the EC and I am eager to learn how to effectively communicate and share the incredible love of Jesus with those at UW-Madison! I am also excited about the possibility of returning to Marquette with a deeper desire to follow Jesus' command to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19) at my home campus. What an incredible opportunity to serve the Lord! I look forward to meeting some of you, but if for some reason I cannot, know that I am so thankful for your prayers and support! “



“Hello! I am Andrea Daniel, and I just graduated from Harvard University. I am very excited to be coming to Madison for the Catholic Evangelization Internship with the EC next year. I know I'll learn a lot about myself and my faith while working with students on the UW campus and with the EC team this year. I am also looking forward to the possibility of returning to Harvard with more confidence and skills for evangelization.”

## EC in Action Across the Country

**EC Mission Statement**  
The Evangelical Catholic forms and trains Catholic disciples in evangelical life and ministry to be leaders in the Church and witnesses in the world.

### Ecclesial Advisors

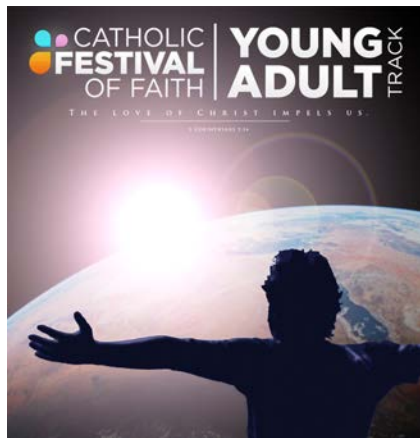
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### Chicago

The Archdiocese of Chicago asked us to help them form the vision and format for the Young Adult Track at their Catholic Festival of Faith (October 16-17). Jason has met with other leaders on this steering committee about once a month to help them attract and impact the lives of Chicago-land young adults. We hope to continue to team with these leaders as well as other campus ministries as we prepare to offer our own evangelization conference there in the Spring of 2010.



### Raleigh

In November we will team with area leaders to offer our Wide Awake conference on UNC-Chapel Hill's campus. Its focus will be to help college students wake up to the power of Christ's love and then to learn how to live in a way that is wide awake to the Gospel and the needs of the world.



### San Diego

Again, with the help of local leadership, we will offer our Wide Awake Conference in October on campus at San Diego State University. College students and young adults from all over the southwest will be invited to come and be awakened and energized by the Catholic faith. You can view the promo video for these conferences at our website under the Wide Awake Conference tab. ([www.evangelicalcatholic.org](http://www.evangelicalcatholic.org))

We also continue to support Chapel Hill's campus ministry by providing ongoing evangelization direction and leadership training. We are invited to lead two training sessions for their student leaders next fall. They are an excellent ministry that is striving to find new ways to spread Christ's love on their campus.

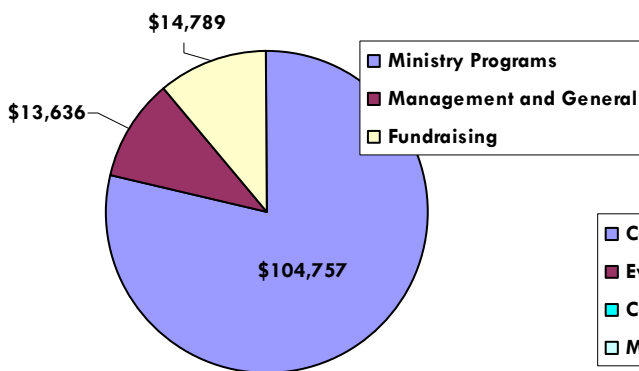
### New England

Through our internship partnership (see front), we will continue to support the great ministry at Harvard. We also continue to meet with leadership in the archdiocese about possible future collaboration.

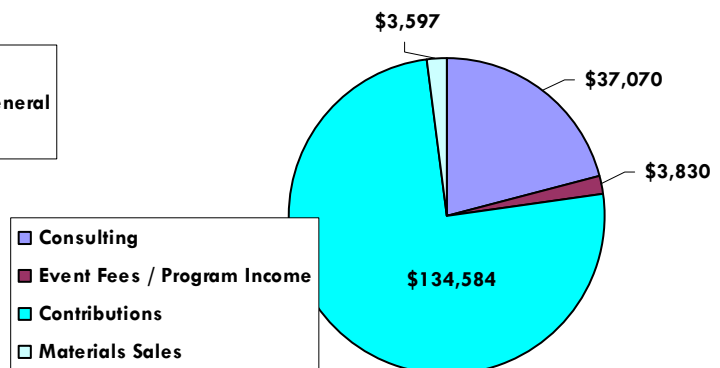
Last May we led a Campus Ministry Leadership retreat for staff and students at St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont. St. Michael's is a Catholic college run by the Edmundite order. We had such a rich time with their staff and students and are looking forward to watching them implement the great plans and aspirations that they began to sketch out on the retreat.

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## EC Financial Picture – 2008-2009 Fiscal Year



**EXPENSES**



**INCOME**

These numbers as of June 30, 2009

## Geoffery and Bethany Gasperini

Glen Allen, VA



Geoff and Bethany live just south of Richmond, Virginia. Geoff is finishing his first year as an attorney and Bethany is running marathons (for real!). They began online monthly donations in October of 2008.

### Q: Why did you begin supporting the EC financially?

We really admire the mission of the EC and the work of our good friends, Jason and Grace Simon. Not only does the EC seek to inspire people to a more intimate relationship with Christ, but it does so with a firm belief that the Catholic Church--through sacrament, community, and prayer--is where a vibrant faith can thrive. That's a remarkable and much needed vision!

We also have a soft spot in our hearts for ministry to college students, as we initially met through college fellowship and felt our faith

### Q: Was the decision to provide monthly financial support difficult to make?

We are, you might say, a bit "miserly" when it comes to finances. But when we recognized the EC's mission and needs and decided to support it financially, it was a natural decision to move to a monthly donation. We are glad to see our support go regularly to the EC, and that they can plan on it in their own budget. Also, we appreciate that our monthly contribution reminds us to pray consistently for the EC and its valuable work for the Body of Christ. It's one of our best investments, for sure!

## The Catholic Church is evangelical...

"**Anyone** who rereads in the New Testament the **origins of the Church**, follows her history step by step and watches her **live and act**, sees that she is linked to **evangelization** in her **most intimate being**."

- Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, par. 15

"An **evangelical renewal** of Catholicism holds **great promise** for our day."

-Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J.

"**Church communities** will not fail to see . . . a specific **call to live** an **evangelical fraternity** and at the same time a summons to strengthen their own religious spirit with a view to **a more penetrating evangelization**."

-John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, par. 65

"... the **evangelical message** should [implant] itself in his heart..., and evoke an **entirely personal adherence and commitment**.... In the long run, is there any other way of handing on the Gospel than by transmitting to another person **one's personal experience of faith**?"

--Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, par. 46

"The **whole Church** is **missionary**, and the work of **evangelization** is a basic duty of the People of God."

-Ad Gentes, par. 35

"I sense that the moment has come to commit **all** of the **Church's energies** to a **new evangelization** and to the mission *ad gentes*."

-John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, par. 3

"**Evangelization** . . . proclaims explicitly the Gospel, through "**first proclamation**", calling to **conversion**."

-The General Directory for Catechesis, par. 48

"It must be **emphasized**, however, that frequently contemporary **evangelization** of young people **must adopt a missionary dimension** rather than a strictly *catechumenal* dimension."

-The General Directory for Catechesis, par. 185

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“The liberation which evangelization proclaims and prepares is the one which Christ Himself announced and gave to man by His sacrifice.”  
-Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, par. 33

## EC in Action (cont.)



### Madison

We continue to work with amazing students to lead the weekly large group evangelization event called Alpha-Omega. This past year, between 80-150 students came every week to hear about Jesus and the beauty of our Catholic faith. Next year Jason Simon, the EC's director, will also be the Director of Evangelization at UW-Madison's Catholic campus ministry (St. Paul's).

## EC Testimonial

“Jason Simon and the Evangelical Catholic have been wonderful ongoing resources in my ministry as Chaplain at UW-Green Bay and as Vocation Director. The EC has trained a number of our students for leadership in campus ministry, and that training has helped them to grow as leaders of faith. Jason led our diocesan seminarians to look at how we evangelize, and the seminarians were very grateful for the help, challenge and inspiration. I greatly appreciate the Evangelical Catholic as a part of the work God is doing in revitalizing the faith of young adults on our college campuses and beyond.”

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