



Saint Paul's Outreach[®]
CATHOLIC FAITH ALIVE ON CAMPUS

Welcome Back!

I hope this finds you well! We're off to another running start here at Ohio State. It is incredible that there are always new frontiers to be explored: A dorm-initiative for communal living, men's and women's small groups, informal young adult outreach, new students. God never ceases to gather a people to himself. He says:

*Fear not, for I am with you;
from the east I will bring back your offspring,
from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north: Give them up!
and to the south: Do not hold them!
Bring back my sons from afar,
and my daughters from the ends of the earth:
All who are called by my name
I created for my glory;
I formed them, made them. (Isaiah 43: 5-7)*

I'm just struck by how incredibly true this promise is!

Thanks for your support!

Updates

July: Summer Household

July 27th-August 5th:
Mission Team Training

August 6th-13: The
School of the New
Evangelization

August 18-20:
Household Retreat

August 24th: First Day of
Classes at OSU

Pictures (Top to bottom):

*Staff Training, arriving for
SNE, Summer Household.*





The School of the New Evangelization

Worshiping in Spirit and in Truth

SNE began on August 6th as 400+ students came to the campus of the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul Minnesota, ready for a week of fellowship, prayer, and training . God worked in powerful ways, and we're seeing the fruit of that now on campus!



MORGAN'S TESTIMONY:

This past summer, I went on my second SNE and to be completely honest, I was not sure why I was going. I was coming off a rough summer of little prayer time and trying to deal with a lot of transition in my life and I was almost too stubborn to be open to what the Lord had in store for me. So I went into SNE really wanting Him to sprout up just a small seed of desire to read scripture and to have a relationship with Him. But what He did at SNE, I never thought possible.

I struggled daily trying to grasp why He loved me so much when I couldn't even keep a consistent prayer life. But at SNE, He showed me that He loves me and wants me right where I am. That he wants me to go to Him in those times. When I did that, He brought me freedom. He brought me peace in knowing that I am not alone in this fight and He brought me a strong community of people to do that with.

Something that I have been convicted of lately is being bold and confident in His abilities. The Lord made me who I am for a reason and I have come to realize that I do not have to be in control and I do not have to have it all together for Him to work and that has carried over to how I interact with the people in my life.

Back here on campus, I am not as timid to start a conversation with someone in my class and I'm less hesitant to call up a friend to hangout. Not only that, but I look forward to Morning Prayer and leading worship and I am more apt to journal and pick up scripture or go to daily mass and adoration. The Lord really showed up at SNE and I can't wait to see what else He has in store.

Morgan, Center, is a senior at Ohio State University this year and is living in Household with me. She is from Bellevue, Ohio and is studying Communication.

This picture was taken on our Labor Day Canoe Trip!



CRUSH Week!

Catholic RUSH Week

Ohio State University's campus began buzzing with life on Tuesday, August 23 as students headed to their first classes of the semester. They were prepared for classes and we were prepared for them!

CRUSH Week: also known as Catholic Rush week happens the first week of the fall semester. It's such an important time because this is a time of the year when students are still searching for a place to belong, and we have the best place to offer them: with Jesus!

The week is filled with lots of fun: The Hog Roast (above), Women's/Men's Nights (below), Opening Mass Cookout and Freezy-Pop stands on campus. Here students are able to enter in to attractive environments where they are introduced into healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

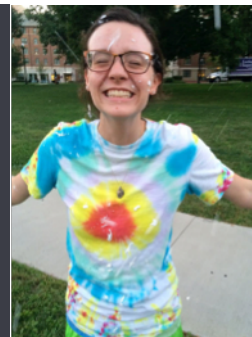
We cast the nets wide during CRUSH Week, and we are currently seeing the fruit as we invite the 600+ students who indicated interest, into small groups, Household dinners etc... and personal relationships.



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Where the
spirit of the
Lord is, there
is FREEDOM!



OSU Mission Staff

Left to right starting with the men:
Dalton Hall, Will Johnson, Isaac Kebe, Cory Pfanner,
Me, Jona Hamson, Alissa Serio, Emily Denniston.



*Above are the women living in Household with me this year (Left to Right):
Meg, Maddy, Erica, Mary, Victoria,
Morgan.*

Prayer Requests

- Students living in Household: personal prayer lives, order, and sisterhood/brotherhood
- Small Groups and Group Leaders
- Students in Formation: to receive teachings and implement them in their lives (we're doing Virtues this semester)
- For God to provide SPO with more full time staff, and for us to continue to be bold in following the Lord in this ministry
- For my sister and her new fiancé, John, as they prepare for marriage on February 4th!