



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

The Ohio State University



Up and Coming

- March 28 Missionary Corp
Training
- April 5 EASTER
- April 27 Last day of classes
at OSU
- May 23 Start of Mission
Leader Training 1



Greetings from Columbus!

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well. It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year! So much has been happening this semester in the lives of students: women's day retreat (pictured above), Fan into Flame, Bible Studies, Household, Formation, On-Campus Outreach.

As we begin to wrap up the year and look to the next it is a time of hope and thanksgiving for all that God *has* done and all that is in store for this campus—and I am confident that He has MUCH more. He always does!

Easter

After these weeks of Lent we are finally approaching Easter. Year after year, our Lord calls us back to Him. Back to His heart and to His love and His mercy. *"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; I will take your heart of stone and put my spirit within you... you will be my people, and I will be your God."* —Ezekiel: 36: 26-28



Fan into Flame

I am mindful of the faith that is in you... for this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God that has been given you...

-2 Tim. 5-6

On the last weekend of January, **144 students** gave 1 weekend and dedicated it to God.

Throughout the weekend we heard the Gospel Message, about new life in the spirit and the gifts of the spirit.

There was opportunity for confession, adoration of our Lord and praying with one another for Jesus' Lordship and

the release of the Spirit in our lives.

Since the weekend students have been experiencing a call to deeper prayer, good holy relationships and renewed zeal for Christian living.

We asked the Lord to work in our lives and He did. He still is!

Great things happen we invite God to work more fully in our lives.

God can use one person who is on fire with love for Him to change the world.... Imagine what He can do with 144 together.

Worship Leader's Conference

What does it mean to worship?

To show *worth*. To acknowledge that **God is God**, and we are the created. That He is our Father and we are His people. We do this at mass. We do this when we pray, both individually and together.

This weekend focused on what it can look like to help lead a time of worship for a group of people. We learned some practical ways to help lead others into prayer through our actions, words and music.



But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

-John 4: 23-24



Formation

Our Formation program this year has approximately 70 student involved. Every other Thursday we all gather to hear teaching on Christian Living and to pray together.

This semester we are going through the Emotions Course. We are talking about emotions like *anger, fear, love and desire*. Students are each in a small group with their peers being led by a mission leader or member of the Cornerstone community in Columbus. In small groups, students can dive deeper into the teachings presented as well as what the Lord is speaking in prayer.

Our formation community has been growing a lot this year in our prayer together. Students are learning to exhort, lead prayer and music, and to share words from the Lord. There has been a great theme in our prayer this year of the Lord's desire to renew our worship. *As we worship, we live our lives.*



Student Missionary Corp

This weekend we will be having a training day for our student missionaries for next year. We will have 20 Students joining us!

These students are the “**heartbeat**” of our community on campus. They pray into our ministries and are involved in conversations about mission. These are the leaders of the leaders in many ways.

Bible Studies

Bible studies directly impact an estimated **200 students** on this campus.

As we approach next year we are continuing to invite students into leadership in this ministry.

Our goal is for new students living on campus next year to have access to a bible study in their dorm.

Households

Our households continue to go well. It's difficult to believe that we will all be heading separate ways in one short month. These past few weeks have been a true **refining of charity** in our relationships. Throughout this second semester there has been a lot of opportunity for faithfulness in loving one another and in continuing to deepen relationships.

Many of our household students are graduating this year: some to enter the work force, and 5 to serve full time (3-4 with SPO)!

This summer we will be having a household program for our students that will be headed up by a few of our student leaders!

Personal News

I plan to continue to work with SPO next year, so this summer I will begin training June 23rd and remain in MN for a summer household program until July 3. Our second training will begin at the end of July. I will be spending the rest of my time working on support raising and visiting with family.



Above is a picture of SPO Staff at our January retreat ☺

While in Columbus, I have been blessed to become involved in **Cornerstone**: a community of young families and young adults that commit to living life together. This has been a huge support for me throughout this year. Because of these people I have seen young professionals being on mission and living out their faith in the work force *really* well and I have been able to surround myself with holy families that help paint a picture of what the vocation of marriage means.

Prayer Requests

- Men's/ Women's Steps to Freedom Retreat (April 10)
- **Seniors** who are graduating and going in to the work force or serving in ministry
- Students' continued **faithfulness** as they head out for the summer.
- **SPO Staff** and summer training
- My family as my parents move and Matt prepares to come home from Africa