

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Knowing. Loving. Serving.



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Transforming
Culture

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TRANSFORMING CULTURE

ONE ENCOUNTER AT A TIME

When Christ in the City was founded in 2011, we chose the motto: "Encountering Christ, Serving Others, Transforming our Culture." Today, most people know the missionaries spend much of their days in formation, prayer, and going out to the streets to meet the homeless. But what they may not know is the immense effect of the mission beyond the missionaries and the homeless. Each year, missionaries train hundreds of local volunteers, college students on mission trips and summer breaks, seminarians and priests, families, and more to encounter Christ in the poor.

Just this summer, our Summer of Service program expanded to 5 cities: Philadelphia, New York City, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and Los Angeles. Others across the country are asking Christ in the City to bring our ministry to their city. Why?

According to them, it's because Christ in the City's approach, a unique ministry of presence, needs to be shared. Our vision is to train and inspire others to live a culture of encounter, a world in which each person is known, loved, and served. In this way, we can transform culture one person at a time.



With much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Bauman".

Mark Bauman

President of the Board



I WANT TO HELP, BUT... ? ?

Why doesn't he get a job like everybody else?

Is this enabling a life of addiction?

Is there anything I can actually offer?

Can helping one person really make a difference?

HOW CAN WE TAKE A DEEPER LOOK?



"I lost dad in 2010; my mom died in 2011; and a good friend died in 2012. I kind of lost it. I lost my job, my apartment, I turned to alcohol, and I became homeless. I just lost all hope."

- Friend on the Street

know



"Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners. He saw their hearts, and looking at them, He loved them. Knowing Jesus, they wanted to change their lives."

- Erika,
Christ in the City
Managing Director

love



"I keep coming around because the missionaries love me when I can't love myself. No matter how many times I mess up, I can always count on them to be here for me to help me take the next steps to get back on my feet."

- Friend on the Street

serve



"I can only love one person at a time...So you begin. I began - I picked up one person. Maybe if I didn't pick up one person, I wouldn't have picked up forty-two thousand."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

TRANSFORM
CULTURE



Jesus himself is the compassion of the Father towards us.

If you go through the streets and see a man without a home lying there and you pass him by without looking at him,

Don't ask yourself

IF THIS MAN IS DRUNK,

but ask yourself if your *heart* has been **HARDENED**, if your heart has turned to ice.

This conclusion indicates that mercy for a human life in the state of need is the true

face of love.

Pope Francis
Lenten Message 2014



MISSIONARY LIFE

A LOOK FROM THE INSIDE



WE BECOME FAMILY

Human Formation

Community life serves as the overall context to live the mystery of Divine Love. Whether it be cooking, cleaning, laughing, or just spending time together, it is the first space to learn how to be a missionary. Through loving and giving oneself, sincerely forgiving each other, and holding each other accountable, we can help each other to become saints.

TRANSFORMED THROUGH PRAYER

Spiritual Formation

To bring the love of Christ to others we must know Him. We are guided to deepen our relationship with Christ through personal prayer, Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and spiritual direction.

FROM HEAD TO HEART

Intellectual Formation

Formation in the Catholic faith and its teachings equips us to apply faith and reason to our daily work and lives. Our intellectual formation includes accredited courses from the Augustine Institute and the University of Mary.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

Apostolic Formation

In teams, we walk the same street routes regularly, getting to know the homeless. Often times, this friendship becomes a turning point toward restoring their sense of self-worth and hope for a better life.



RECEIVING A NEW HEART

From the outside, serving as a Christ in the City missionary probably looks like giving a year or two in service of the poor. After experiencing it from the inside, I can say that for me it is much more an act of receiving a transformed heart.

As missionaries, our hearts are stretched, filled, poured out, and broken - they are permanently *changed*.

I often reflected on the fact that nothing would ever be as new again as it was on day one of this mission. Each day in prayer, in community, and on the streets, our hearts encounter new aspects of humanity and also new aspects of God.

I think of a diamond - each facet cut into the diamond adds to its sparkle and beauty. Every encounter we have during our missionary year adds a new facet to our image of God. I have learned of God's joy, His sense of humor, His love, His suffering, and so much more.

I have also gained a whole new appreciation for the complexity of being human. The depth of the encounters we experience at Christ in the City opens our eyes to the depth of God's love for us. Being a Christ in the City missionary means receiving a gift beyond measure. My heart has been made new. My view of God, of others, of myself, and of the world will never be the same.

Anna Lee // North Platte, NE
Christ in the City '17-'19



RON'S STORY

When Ron met Christ in the City in 2015, he was on the streets and doing his best to stay away from people. Now in housing and over four years later, he calls Christ in the City his family.

How did you first meet Christ in the City?

I was living on the streets. I would drink and work, drink and work, and do my best to stay away from people.

I first met the missionaries while I was getting a sack lunch from Mother of God food line. Kelly just kind of sauntered over to me and started talking to me. It caught me off-guard, but we talked a little bit and she invited me to their Lunch in the Park that was going to happen later that week. I originally said no. I really didn't want anything to do with it. But for some reason, when Wednesday came, I went.

How was your experience at the park?

When I arrived to the park, I got my lunch and sat down. Then a missionary sat next to me and started talking to me. I'm not going to lie, I didn't like it at first. We talked about baseball and all that, because I'm not going to say 'get out of here'; I'm not like that.

So what kept you coming back?

I can't really describe it, but every time they saw me, they remembered my name and were so excited to see me. Little by little, that's how I got to know all the missionaries. It was literally like going home. And it wasn't just Kelly; it was all of them. One day, I just fell in love with everybody; I can't explain it.



What was an impactful moment you had with the missionaries?

One day, a missionary, Anna, asked me if I'd ever been to the Cathedral. I told her I hadn't, and she walked me in and showed me the Stations of the Cross. We stopped at each one, 14 of them, and she explained each one to me. Before that day, I had never even been in a church. I didn't know I could just open the door and walk in.

Over time, I would join the missionaries for Mass or sometimes when they would be meeting people at RCIA, I would go too. It took a while. Eventually, I knew I wanted to join the Church. It wasn't something I

was doing for them, I wanted to do it for myself. I called Amanda, one of the missionaries, and asked her to be my godmother. She was so thrilled; I could just tell over the phone. The Easter Vigil when I joined the Church was the best one there will ever be, and I mean that.

How does your life look different now?

Becoming homeless was the best thing that's ever happened to me. I'm certainly not rich, but I'm better off. I know all of you, and that means the world to me. I don't have any family of my own; I lost my family a long time ago. I'm just this loner introvert type and I admit that. And I thought I'd be that way forever, but now I'm not afraid to call somebody up and ask for help like I used to be. I have people I can call. And the parents, I met everybody's parents that year I was homeless. I still get cards and phone calls from the missionaries' parents.



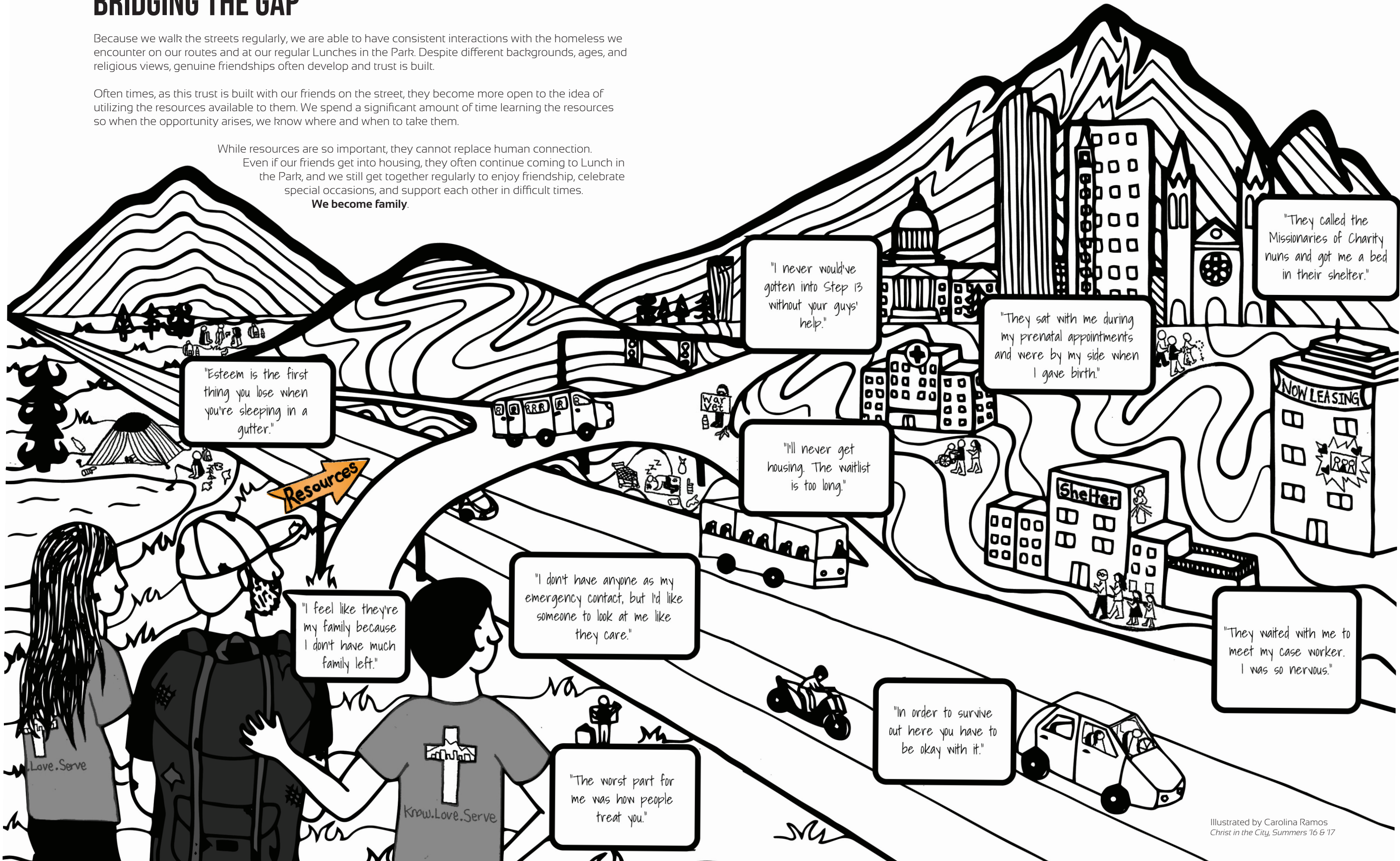
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BRIDGING THE GAP

Because we walk the streets regularly, we are able to have consistent interactions with the homeless we encounter on our routes and at our regular Lunches in the Park. Despite different backgrounds, ages, and religious views, genuine friendships often develop and trust is built.

Often times, as this trust is built with our friends on the street, they become more open to the idea of utilizing the resources available to them. We spend a significant amount of time learning the resources so when the opportunity arises, we know where and when to take them.

While resources are so important, they cannot replace human connection. Even if our friends get into housing, they often continue coming to Lunch in the Park, and we still get together regularly to enjoy friendship, celebrate special occasions, and support each other in difficult times.
We become family.



Pope Francis is calling for a *culture of encounter:*

"In Spanish, an *encuentro* (encounter), is a real kind of connection with someone. *Encuentro* is something much more intimate and friendly, soul speaking to soul, a sort of sharing of humanity. It doesn't have to be long, but an *encuentro* is when you're actually looking into someone's eyes and saying, 'I see you, and I'm actually listening to you.'"

- Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Founder of Christ in the City



How Christ in the City is responding...

Sending missionaries out into the world.

"Two years ago, I came on a mission trip to Christ in the City. As I traveled home, I pondered the power of friendship. I learned that even a few hours of encounter could make a lasting impact. Convicted of the need for relational ministry, my friends and I founded St. Martin de Porres Street Ministry in order to know, love, and serve the homeless of Salt Lake City. Through this, the Lord has guided us to new, beautiful friendships."

MARIA S.

Bringing families together to serve.

"My daughter went from having a negative, fear-based reaction to the mention of homeless people downtown to having a positive experience serving them and a desire to do it again. Opening a little girl's eyes like that is a HUGE accomplishment. I just wanted to say thanks to CIC for making that happen."

JEREMY B.

Teaching a ministry of presence.

"I have a 15-year-old son who homeschools, and I bring him down here every Wednesday to Christ in the City's Lunch in the Park to volunteer. I think it's a great part of his week and his curriculum. He's learning to think outside of himself."

MARK C.

Seeing the dignity of each person.

"At Christ in the City, we've learned the power of addressing the homeless by their first names. This approach has been an invaluable insight and gift to me. Whether I'm serving the poor, thanking a waiter at a restaurant, or addressing a fellow parishioner, seeing the smile on that individual's face when calling them by their given names brings the light of Christ into my heart."

BETTY & KEN A.

LOS ANGELES. NEW YORK CITY. SAN ANTONIO. PHILADELPHIA. OKLAHOMA CITY.

In summer 2019, we sent 5 missionary teams to cities across the country for 3-week missions, encountering the poor and spreading our mission to new communities.

"Do you need us here?"

This is an important question. As we researched possible Summer of Service expansion locations, we visited with leadership in each city to determine if Christ in the City's mission was needed there. The answer was unanimously, "yes". With so many great nonprofits and services to the poor, why were we wanted in these new cities? We found that the same things that differentiate us in Denver rang true for each of these new cities. So many organizations are doing incredible work serving the poor, but what we kept hearing is that our approach is unique.

We aim not only to serve the poor, but to know, love, and serve the poor and to engage and equip the greater community to do the same. By joining efforts with existing organizations, we participate in addressing the complex problem of homelessness. Our goal is not only to form missionaries, but also to connect with local volunteers, to bridge the gap between the homeless population and the rest of society, and to break down the interior walls and stereotypes that prevent us from serving the homeless and poor.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LA...

"Because the ministry's foundation is Christ, and their goal is to share Christ with others, you can see the *joy* right off their faces from a mile away.

My hope for the future of Christ in the City in LA is to not only bring awareness to homelessness, but also to extend an invitation of encounter for our parishes, to give them an opportunity to go beyond just handing something out. We're all called to be missionary disciples and this mission provides an opportunity to be uncomfortable and serve those in need."

Adrian Flores
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Parish & Community Leadership





Pictured above: Anne, Art, Gabby (Summer Missionary 2019)

CHRISTMAS WITH THE GRANTS

SERVING AS A FAMILY

Art met Christ in the City back in 2012 while he was living on the streets. Over the years, he has grown close with the missionaries and many volunteers, including the Grant family. Art's joyful "God bless you!" can be heard at the end of each Lunch in the Park.

Q: How did you become close friends with Art?

Gabby: I remember meeting Art one of the first times I came to Lunch in the Park but then I didn't see him for a couple of years. I would come to the park every month looking for him. Probably three years after I met him, I was just standing at Lunch in the Park and heard him yell, "Gabby!" After all that time, it was beautiful to reconnect with him. I was shocked that he remembered who I was! Since then, our friendship has really grown and we have become close.

Anne: My friendship with Art originally came through Gabby. It has been a gradual thing. But now, we call and talk every day, so he's really a friend who is always there to listen and to support our family. He's always praying for the kids, and he knows when something major is happening to them.

Q: What are your favorite memories together?

Anne: This year, we invited Art to our home for a joy-filled Christmas dinner. My sons picked him up, commenting, "We can't let him take the bus on Christmas!" I know seeing the shelter gave them perspective on all the gifts they had received that morning and a deeper appreciation for the gift of Art in their lives. Like any true friendship, we give, but we also receive so much from him. Art shoots pool with the boys and they absolutely love it. His faith inspires me too. He invited me to go to confession with him, and we started going together every two weeks for a time. I never would have gone that often without his personal invitation.

Art: Our friendship makes me very happy. Spending Christmas with them was the nicest thing that ever happened to me. That was the first Christmas I spent with anybody in a while. They'll always be in my heart. I'll never forget them!

Q: How has this ministry impacted the way you serve?

Anne: By far, the biggest blessing from Christ in the City is that they provide the opportunity to build relationships. For years, we have "adopted" a family for Christmas through our parish, but the way we love this family is different now. Instead of just buying the gifts, we now see these gifts as an opening to share in each other's lives. This year, I asked if the mother would teach me to make tamales together, sharing with me her love of cooking. There is such a need for people in the Church to be teaching families how to live out the Gospel through a culture of encounter. That's why I think every Catholic should know Christ in the City.

Gabby: Our lives as Catholics can't exist without serving the poor. That's what Jesus called us to do in the Gospel. Every time we're volunteering at Lunch in the Park or making friends on the street, we are doing something for Jesus, and He is going to remember that we were friends with Him. If every person in Denver had one friend on the street, things would be completely different.

Although we keep a pair of socks in the car to hand out at stop lights, fundamentally, it is not about the socks; it is about the *friendship.*



WHAT CATHOLIC LEADERS SAY ABOUT CHRIST IN THE CITY



Archbishop Samuel Aquila

Archbishop of Denver

"It brings me great joy to see the lasting impact of Christ in the City on the young men and women who give the gift of their time and friendship to the poor. They have found the richness of loving Jesus in the poor. They have learned the wisdom of Jesus' words to the rich young man, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."



Dr. Jonathan Reyes

*Founder of Christ in the City
Executive Director of USCCB Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development*

"Christ in the City is different from a lot of programs in that it is intensely formative for the missionaries themselves. There is a lot of investment in their spiritual life, there's a lot of investment in their intellectual life. It isn't just that missionaries come and have a nice experience, it's missionaries come and be trained to be able to do this in other places. It doesn't end in a year; our goal is that it perdures in the missionaries themselves for the rest of their lives."



Sr. Maris Stella

Sisters of Life

"Christ in the City has an incredible mission of recognizing and honoring the dignity of the human person. The missionaries are formed to look deeply beneath externals to see goodness and beauty hidden in each person they encounter. This is truly a mission of hope! The missionaries bring Christ's love into the world through simple gestures of kindness to the poor, to Jesus hidden in our midst."



Dr. Sean Innerst

*Professor of Theology and Catechetics
Augustine Institute*

"My interactions with Christ in the City have edified me tremendously. What a beautiful testament to the power of poverty and littleness, to the Gospel without gloss, without celebrity, without fanfare. These young people just go out and share their lives and what little they have with those who have less. In the process - as they will always tell you - they gain far more than they give. This is the way Christianity is supposed to be lived!"



Chris Stefanick

Catholic Author, Speaker, and Founder of Real Life Catholic

"Christ in the City is life-changing. Not just for the homeless, but for the missionaries who serve them, for the city of Denver who sees those missionaries in action, and for every Catholic family, for whom they make 'the poor' not a nameless group, but friends with names and stories."



Leah Darrow

Catholic Author, Speaker, Podcast Host and Founder of Lux University

"Our world needs hope, it needs to recognize humanity again, and Christ in the City does just that. I truly have no idea why one wouldn't want to support the work of Christ in the City. It is pure and simple evangelization. And it's the best kind of evangelization - not from a stage or website, but person to person, heart to heart. THAT is evangelization, that is truly being Christ to another."



Archbishop Charles Chaput

Archbishop of Philadelphia

"Christ in the City is one of the most exciting new ventures in the Denver Archdiocese. It will change you and the culture we live in."



Lisa Cotter

Catholic Author, Speaker, and Podcast Host

"Many organizations serve the poor, but Christ in the City goes beyond that and humanizes them. They see in the face of each person they encounter a soul. A soul with dignity, worth, and value whose needs are deeper than a meal or clothing. They see a person who needs love, friendship, and ultimately a Savior. I've had the great joy of seeing firsthand how they love like Jesus and they've given me the courage to try to do the same."



Dr. Jim Langley

*Executive Director
St. Raphael Counseling, Denver, CO*

"People are often feeling isolation and lacking a sense of dignity. In order to sense that dignity, it takes another person. The path to healing is always going to be through a relationship with another person - an authentic connection with someone else who just recognizes them for being another human being. Christ in the City's mission is absolutely essential for that. They go out onto the streets to be that authentic connection. If a person always feels like they're inhuman or they don't have any dignity, they are going to sit on that corner and take handouts all day long. With a loving outreach, however, you can help people realize what they're made for. I think that's an incredible gift that needs to be given."

to Christ in the City

FROM PARENTS & RELATIVES
OF MISSIONARIES



OUR 2-YEAR-OLD KNEW...

"Being asked to bring our two-year-old on the streets of Denver to meet Christ in the City's homeless friends initially brought a tiny bit of fear to the surface. My sister-in-law, Hannah, was a CIC missionary and wanted us to meet these people who had become so dear to her. As we walked the streets and engaged in meaningful conversations, sharing our love and listening to their stories, our eyes and hearts magically united, causing all fear to disappear.

The fearful couple, afraid of the unknown, then allowed the eyes of our own child to show us how to love. As you see in this picture, our sweet two-year-old knew how to perfectly love our new friend, Stacy. This memory is one that will be forever in our hearts, and has changed the way we interact with anyone that we meet on or off of the streets."

Beth Benes

OUTSIDE THE ABORTION CLINIC...

"One day recently, I met a homeless woman outside an abortion clinic in downtown Philadelphia. I was nervous about speaking with her because I didn't know how we could possibly connect. She was a young woman on the streets; I was a middle aged, middle class man. But quickly, I remembered the things my daughter taught me during her time as a missionary with Christ in the City: to listen patiently and to make no assumptions, but simply to be present with the love and hope of the Lord.

Afterwards, I questioned: Was it enough? Were those the right words? Why would she listen to me? But I kept thinking back to one line she said to me, "You're the first person who has treated me like a person."

When I spent time with the missionaries, I was so impressed by the joy, hospitality, and freedom of their community. Being with them has helped me understand the attraction of having so little, yet possessing everything that is needed."

Mark Miller



AS A SKEPTICAL PARENT...

"When John informed me of his plan to join Christ in the City, I was more than a little skeptical. However, by the time he was applying for a second year, I saw enough growth in him and was around the missionaries enough that I told him: "If you can figure out what it means to live with a purpose, that is far more important than getting a degree."

John finished his second year of service and is looking toward the seminary. I credit his community not only for awakening this desire, but also for the manner in which he approached his discernment. Both of us have grown in our ability to discuss things about which we might fundamentally disagree. My professional life as a prosecutor leads me to consider the bad side of everyone, including the Church. Seeing my son seeking to devote his life to an organization whose flaws I have witnessed can be hard. Some things cannot be unseen.

However, Christ in the City reveals the Church at its best and has helped me understand what John wants to do and who he wants to be. He has a heart as big as all outdoors. Although nothing can shield him from what is wrong with the world, Christ in the City gave him a space and a framework to exercise his heart. I could not love John more or be more proud of him. Thank you for taking care of my boy."

Mark Varga





Walking the streets with Christ in the City's missionaries, I learned how to make a gift of myself through listening. The practical awareness that the missionaries taught us seminarians gave me the confidence to listen carefully to others and their needs without anxiety and allowed me to listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings as to how to model Christ in His gift of self.

Jason DiRito // Seminarian
Archdiocese of Denver



Christ in the City is an excellent program for summer formation for seminarians. I was encouraged by our seminarians testimonies of not just serving the poor, but forming relationships with them. Christ is truly the center of this program, as time with our Lord is an essential part of the day. Christ in the City is a great ministry on the "peripheries" we've been called to serve.

Fr. Brian Fallon // Vocations Director
Archdiocese of St. Louis



IMPACTING PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

Seminarians, priests, and religious from across the country come to serve with us throughout the year. Some join us for their summer apostolic assignments, others for weekly street ministry walks and Lunch in the Park, and still more who bring students to serve with us on week-long mission trips. We've even had wonderful priests and sisters join us on retreats for our homeless friends!

At Christ in the City, seminarians and religious have concrete opportunities to put what they are learning in their formation into practice. They often say that encountering the homeless with the mercy of Jesus, and learning to listen and accompany others in and through their sufferings, connects them with a pastoral heart, a real-life application to their studies. By going out to serve the poor and forming community and friendship on the streets, priests and religious also return with more to give. Wanting to share the experience, they often return bringing more parishioners, students, and community members to experience Christ in the City's ministry of presence.

Reinvigorated by their encounters on the streets, they return to their communities and ministries with renewed dedication and apostolic zeal.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



CLASS OF '12

Shaina (Stein) Palumbo

Wife, Mother, RN, BSN | Denver, CO

"Something that has translated from my mission year into my work now is the desire for people to see Christ in me without even knowing it. People want to be seen and cared for as a person, not just a number, and I am able to offer them that type of love."



CLASS OF '13

Abby Kowitz

Mental Health Counselor | St. Paul, MN

"Christ in the City taught me the ministry of presence. I had called upon the image of Simon of Cyrene during my time as a missionary and continue to carry that forward in my identity as a counselor. Suffering is not an evil to shy away from, rather it is an invitation to draw closer to Christ."



CLASS OF '14

Sr. Theresa Francesca (Tolpa)

Sister of Life | Yonkers, NY

"At Christ in the City, I truly encountered Jesus present in my fellow missionaries, our friends on the street, and every single person I met. The Lord stirred in my heart a desire to give my life in love to Him, so that all may know that their lives are unique and unrepeatable, inherently good, made in the image of God and loved infinitely."



CLASS OF '15

Tim Kasierski

Drinking Water Specialist, Water Sampling Co. | Charlton, MA

"My time at Christ in the City was short but I learned so much. I was taught to love and see God in so many different ways. Whether it was through the community of missionaries or the incredible people that we served everyday."



CLASS OF '16

Kevin Farrow

Project Manager at Catholic Charities | Denver, CO
Husband to CNA Journalist Extraordinaire

"Christ in the City prepared me for marriage because it pushed the limits of how much I was able to love. When I thought I had given all I could, I was asked to give more and I learned to do it with love."



CLASS OF '17

Catriona Kerwin

Elementary School Teacher | Denver, CO

"Christ in the City showed me how God uses our small, imperfect acts of love to transform hearts and minds. I experienced Christ's light through prayer, community, and street ministry. I strive to share that light with my students through simple, everyday actions."



CLASS OF '18

Alexander Goessler

Architect | Denver, CO

"'The most important person is the one right in front of me' played out constantly in my interactions at Christ in the City. Living that daily, it has carried over into my life now. Working, being with friends, or even going to the grocery store is more intentional because of the people or tasks that are in front of me."



CLASS OF '19

Kaleb Mitchell

Seminarian | Diocese of Helena, MT

"My time at Christ in the City had a huge impact on my discernment and ministry as a priest, God-willing. I learned two key things: the importance of community and the abundance of the Lord's mercy. Community is vital at Christ in the City and taught me how to be intentional with others. This is important in living in intentional community with other seminarians and priests. I also experienced how the Lord works through suffering and desires salvation for each of us. This knowledge will be transformative in the confessional, and will serve me as I strive to share the Lord's compassion to all as a representative of the Church."

IT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR A CHANGE IN THE WORLD

The homeless themselves have told us over and over, "Nobody starves in Denver." But yet, we've seen that there is still something leaving them unsatisfied. There is a different kind of poverty, as Mother Teresa said: it's the poverty of loneliness.

The homeless are not the only ones who experience this kind of poverty. So many in our culture are starving to be seen, known, and loved. We pass by each other all the time, but we don't ever walk with each other, accompanying one another. In this sense, the homeless don't seem much different from anyone else; we all need true friendship. This authentic human connection is the core of our ministry both on and off the streets.

At Christ in the City, there is no "desk only" job. Each staff member goes out on the streets and participates in the mission first-hand. We are fully available to walk with the missionaries as they learn to live and love in community, enter into the suffering of their friends on the street, and experience good, but often difficult, personal growth.

The consistent presence of the staff is the ongoing thread throughout the year. We are the first to celebrate with the missionaries, suffer with them, challenge them to be Christian leaders, and encourage them to rely on the Lord. And as each missionary class moves on to pursue their vocations, our team of staff remains a steady support system for our homeless friends.

We also recognize how much the Lord is doing in our own hearts through this mission. God is forming each of us as missionary disciples, just as He is forming the missionaries. With each new friend on the street and each new missionary, He is expanding our hearts, teaching us that we are always capable of loving more.

So to you, our benefactors, we want to thank you for joining us in this opportunity to serve and be transformed daily by this beautiful mission. It is our honor to share in His mission

with you.



Pictured from left to right:

Top row: Phil Couture (Formator), Eduardo Regal (Executive Director), Kendra Schwein (Formator), Linda Wiegand (Office Administrator), Dominic Evans (House Facilitator, alumnus '16), Blake Brouillette (Program Director, alumnus '17), Alison Naughton (Volunteer Coordinator, alumna '18), Abby Arnold (Communications Director, alumna '12)

Bottom row: Sam Schultz (Outreach Director), Catarina Ramos (House Facilitator, alumna '17), David Strycula (Formator), Florie Sullivan (Program Coordinator), Erika Scheelje (Managing Director), Rebecca Keeven (Development Director), Jeff Ruskamp (Formator)



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WORKING TOGETHER

Each gift you give to Christ in the City is used to transform the lives of the missionaries and their homeless friends, but it goes even further than that. Your generosity transforms the lives of our volunteers, fellow benefactors, students on mission trips, social media followers, and family and friends of missionaries. Thank you for giving the gift of being known, loved, and served, through your generosity.

GIFTS CAME FROM:

- 7%** Parishes & Corporations
- 8%** Foundations
- 40%** Individuals
- 45%** Missionary Fundraising
Yearlong, Summer, & Mission Trips

TOTAL REVENUE:
\$932,405

*Does not include in-kind donations

GIFTS WENT TO:

- 82%** Ministry
- 18%** Administrative Support

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:
\$793,458

*Does not include in-kind donations



"We are blessed and gratified to know that our support of Christ in the City goes directly to nurture the hearts, minds, souls, and well-being of so many in need. The enthusiasm and passion of the missionaries has a positive impact and makes the mission of Christ in the City possible. We're honored to be able to join the mission. "

Bill and Annette Newland

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS



82%
Goes Directly
to the Ministry!

82 cents of each dollar you give goes directly to the formation and training of the missionaries and volunteers in knowing, loving, and serving the poor.



2018 - 2019
Was a Great Year!

Hundreds of generous individuals joined our mission with a financial gift, helping ensure Christ in the City's financial health for future years!



Plus
\$310,712 in
In-Kind Donations!

Including professional hours, food for the missionaries, and over 16,000 meals for the poor at Lunch in the Park.

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