

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Annual Review | 2019-2020



CELEBRATING

YEARS



DENVER

CAPITOL HILL

Everyone deserves HOW IT

YOUNG ADULTS COME FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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Missionaries live in a common house. They spend intentional time praying, serving the poor, and sharing meals together in order to grow in virtue, love, and likeness to Christ.

Theology classes and nonprofit internship experience help these young adults to form a Catholic worldview and mature as Christian leaders.

Throughout the year, missionaries receive one-on-one accompaniment by spiritual mentors dedicated to their growth and well-being.

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ALUMNI ARE SENT OUT TO TRANSFORM CULTURE

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Missionaries leave the program with a new vision of the human person, one that goes beyond appearances or past offenses.

Graduating missionaries return to their local communities with a desire to transform the culture from an individualistic, self-seeking reality to one of encountering and loving others regardless of outcome.

Alumni are better prepared to love in the vocations to which they are called. Their missionary heart for others carries over into their future families, communities, and workplaces.

I've learned that the person in front of me has immense value - beyond what my senses can perceive. I'll never be the same again; for God opened the eyes of my heart."



John // Missionary '19-'21



to be known & loved

WORKS



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MISSIONARIES PUT FAITH IN ACTION IN SERVICE TO THE POOR

▶ Missionaries walk regular street routes to encounter the homeless. They spend time learning people's names and stories and return day after day. Over time, these encounters lead to genuine friendships and trust is built.

▶ Whether it's bringing a birthday cake to a homeless friend or walking them to the hospital, this consistent presence tells the homeless: "I see you. You are loved. You matter." A renewed sense of hope arises when our homeless friends understand that someone truly cares about them. This hope can be the inspiration for them to pursue healing, freedom, and life in community.

▶ With general knowledge of the local resources, missionaries are able to walk with the homeless when they are ready to take the next steps. This friendship helps uphold the person through the burdens of the journey.



The missionaries never judged me.

They believed I was a good person even when I couldn't see it in myself. Esteem is the first thing you lose when you're sleeping in a gutter. That changed everything for me."



Jake // Friend of Christ in the City



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Addressing Poverty at its Core

1993



St. JPil gathers one million youth in Denver for World Youth Day. The Holy Spirit lights a fire in Denver and lays the foundation for many new apostolates to be founded in the following years, renewing the life of the Church in the US.

Over the last decade, the Lord has inspired Christ in the City to bring His healing Love to the poor, and at the same time, to form young people to be missionaries in today's world.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we've sat with homeless men and women on street corners, in parks, at the library, and local shelters. We've accompanied friends through their suffering, whether it's simply providing a listening ear or taking them to the hospital after a frostbitten night. We've supported friends through weeks of sobriety and walked with others through periods of relapse. We've helped reconnect individuals back with their family and for others, we've been their only semblance of family.

In these past 10 years, we've moved houses, formed hundreds of missionaries, and expanded to new cities, but the core of the mission has remained the same. It has always been centered on showing each person that they matter, and there is hope in Jesus Christ. We've seen time and time again that the path to healing goes far beyond just getting a house, it happens through healthy relationships with other people.

In this way, Christ in the City is addressing poverty at its core by inviting the homeless into a community where they are seen, known, and loved. This makes all the difference. As we form real friendships with the homeless, we find ourselves drawn deeper into our own poverty. Along the way, Christ continues to affirm our own identity and need to completely rely on Him. We are grateful for Christ in the City's first 10 years of ministry and we look forward to the decades to come!

2010

Archbishop Chaput gives his blessing to start Christ in the City.



2011

Founded on Dr. Jonathan Reyes' vision, Christ in the City launches.

2013

First headquarters is established at Seton House, former Missionaries of Charity house, where Mother Teresa stayed when she visited Denver.



2019



IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT
I HAVE FOUND HERE WHAT I WAS MADE FOR."

As I encounter the homeless, I am allowed to gaze upon the sacred in the very people our society deems profane. God descends into the most impoverished and normal places so that He might lift them up into His loving embrace. May we have the courage to follow Him on so worthy a journey.

Drew
Missionary '19-'21

2020

Christ in the City continues serving homeless during COVID-19 as an essential service.



2014

Partnerships established with Augustine Institute and University of Mary to provide intellectual formation for missionaries.



2019

Summer missions are launched in 5 new cities.



2016

After years of praying for a permanent headquarters, we find the perfect building, the vacant Escuela de Guadalupe. Unknown to us at the time, the lease is signed on Dec. 12, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!



2019-2020
IN REVIEW



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Missionaries



25,000+

Hours of Street Ministry



16,000+

Hot meals served to our
homeless friends



5,250

Mobile meals distributed
during COVID-19 when
parks were closed

On the streets DURING COVID-19

The streets were empty.

The visible loneliness on the faces of the homeless was more striking than ever.

Parks, food lines, libraries and many resources for the homeless were closed.

Homelessness increased rapidly. Nearly 700 tents popped up across Denver.

Christ in the City was named an essential service to continue serving the homeless.

We adapted our ministry to deliver hot meals in to-go boxes and continue to make regular visits to our homeless friends.





IN ENCOUNTERING THE POOR, I BEGAN TO SEE OTHERS
AND ALLOW MYSELF TO BE SEEN BY THE GAZE OF CHRIST"

I spent this past year serving with Christ in the City. Daily, we went out and walked the same street downtown with a goal to form authentic friendships with men and women experiencing homelessness, while providing whatever material and emotional aid we could.

I quickly learned that the material poverty I saw on the streets is most often coupled with a deeper, internal poverty of intense isolation and loneliness.

Since COVID-19, it's been interesting to see how a lot of the world has also taken on this sense of fear and isolation that I have been seeing on the streets all year long. Though most people's lives have changed overnight, the homeless' lives have not had the privilege of changing.

Resources for the homeless are scarcer than before so we have been continuing our service as safely as possible. Early on in the pandemic, one of our homeless friends said to us,

**"Thank you for
not being afraid
of serving us."**

I don't think any of us can shy away from serving each other at this time: whether that is by volunteering, donating to a local food bank, or calling to check in on friends.

Maggie
Missionary '19-'20

SUSTAINED BY GENEROSITY!

2019 - 2020 Financials

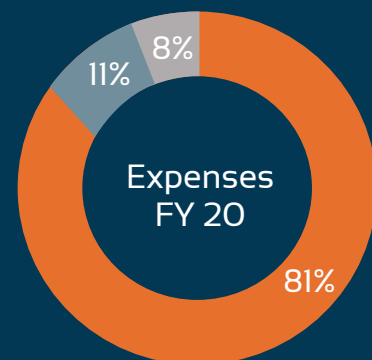
Income:
\$1,439,980

Expenses:
\$1,269,273

**Thank you for helping Christ in the City
stay strong amidst COVID-19!**

Financials include in-kind donations.

For more in-depth information on our finances, visit:
www.christinthecity.org/annualreview20



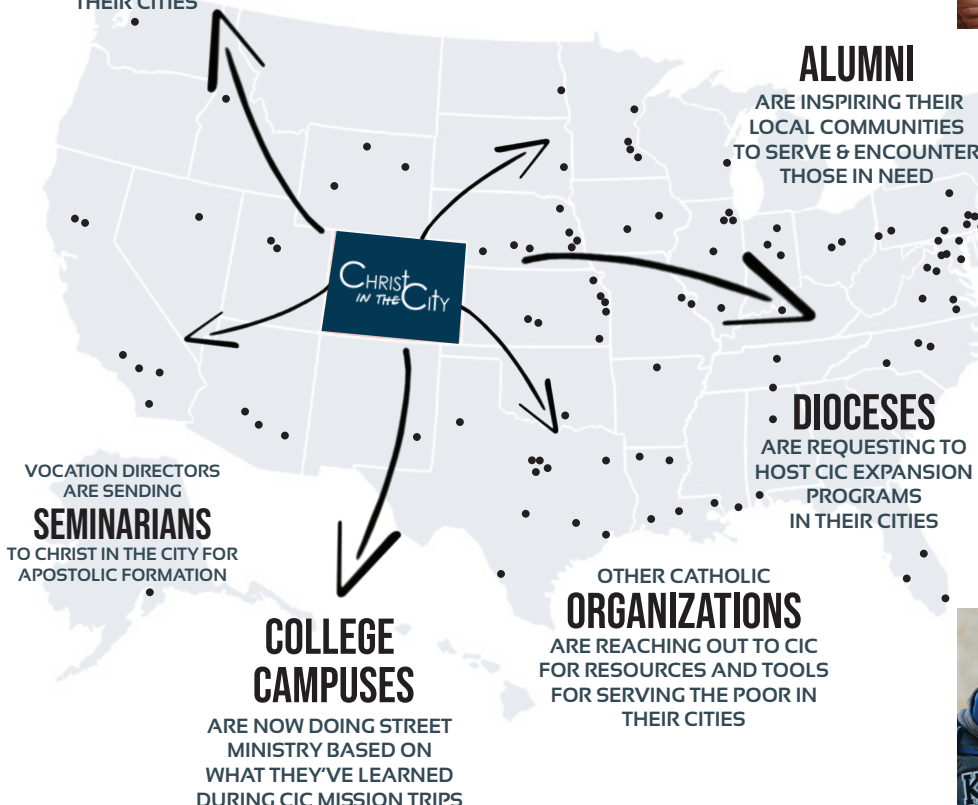
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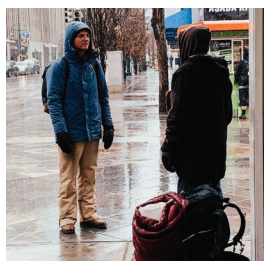
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OVER THE PAST
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