

ANNUAL REVIEW 2022-2023

CHRIST IN THE CITY

KNOWING, LOVING, + SERVING THE POOR



BUILDING A CULTURE OF
ENCOUNTER

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AN INSIDE LOOK

CHRIST IN THE CITY

MISSIONARY CALENDAR



MISSIONARIES ARRIVE!



Our missionaries live in a common house, sharing a life of prayer, service, simplicity, and accountability. Drawing from that as their foundation, they are able to go out and bring the love of Christ to the homeless in the streets.

ORIENTATION & CLASSES BEGIN

Missionaries begin street ministry orientation which includes training in Conflict Resolution, Understanding Mental Health, Compassion Fatigue and more. They also take Theology classes through University of Mary and the Augustine Institute that last until Spring.



STREET TEAMS ARE ASSIGNED

Missionaries get a street team and a route that they will walk all year long, meeting the homeless by name.

FRIENDSHIPS DEVELOP



ANNUAL CELEBRATION INSPIRES HUNDREDS

A beautiful evening hosted by the missionaries to celebrate the work the Lord has done in the past year and raise funds to keep the mission going.



WINTER



FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS

Seminarians are trained by missionaries and engage in street ministry walks once a week for the entire the year.



"THIS WILL IMPACT MY ENTIRE PRIESTLY LIFE."
- FR. KEVIN K.

TRUST BUILDS

The homeless come to trust missionaries when they see us **consistently present** on the streets, even in the harsh winter weather.



COFFEE, LUNCH, CARD GAMES... ACCOMPANIMENTS

Accompaniments are planned outings where missionaries spend time getting to know the person's hopes, dreams, and challenges. Seeing that someone cares and believes in you becomes a powerful motivator to take steps towards healing and self-sufficiency.

CHRIST IN THE CITY LEADERSHIP WEEK

Service leaders from across the country come to Denver to learn our street ministry model and put it into practice with us.



MISSIONARIES GO ON SILENT RETREAT

Missionaries are revitalized in their ministry through a retreat based on their call to the Beatitudes and the love of God.

SPRING

MISSION TRIPS

BRING 300+ COLLEGE STUDENTS TO CHRIST IN THE CITY

College students spend their spring break serving alongside the missionaries and learning what it means to live simply.



"I FELT AT HOME IMMEDIATELY"
- NATHAN P.



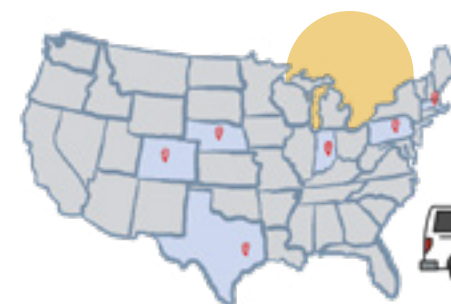
"YOU HAVE TRULY ALLOWED US TO EXPERIENCE JESUS THIS WEEK, IN YOURSELVES AND ON THE STREETS. THIS TIME WAS LIFECHANGING!"
- DREXEL COLLEGE



MISSIONARIES GO ON A WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Missionaries walk 50+ miles to Catholic shrines, carrying the intentions of their donors and homeless friends.

SUMMER



ON THE ROAD! 3-WEEK SUMMER MISSIONS

Missionary teams are sent to Catholic communities across the country to lead them in our Summer of Service program.



END OF YEAR RETREAT

Missionaries receive a final retreat aimed at summarizing their year, remembering what the Lord has given them with gratitude.



FAREWELLS + GOING FORTH



Missionaries say their goodbyes and pass on their street routes onto the next class of missionaries.

Alumni of Christ in the City say they are entering into their vocation better prepared to love and that the poor will always be with them.



"DAD IS BACK"

THE POWER OF ACCOMPANIMENT

Roy was homeless and struggling with liver failure when he met the missionaries. Over the past year, he has become a close friend of Christ in the City and experienced a life-changing transformation!

At our upcoming Annual Celebration, Roy will share how missionaries walked with him through his recovery and reconciliation, and how he's now thriving in housing. His kids say, **"Yep, that's dad again. Dad is back."**

Watch the Video!



Nov.4th - You're Invited!

Annual Celebration | Denver, CO



Enjoy dinner with the missionaries + hear our top moments from the year! *RSVP* at christinthecity.org



I felt like doubting Thomas because my street team came back from ministry and said,

"Nick, you have to see Roy! He is doing so good. He is ALIVE, more than just physically, but interiorly."

Over the next months, we spent time just being with him. We walked with him as he reconciled relationships with his daughters, brought him to Mass with us, we got to celebrate his sobriety, and even got to take him to a Broncos game thanks to a generous donor!

It's been a miracle of a journey with Roy. He's truly become family to me and has gotten to know my family along the way. I know this is a friendship that will last well beyond my missionary years.

Nick

Missionary '21-'23



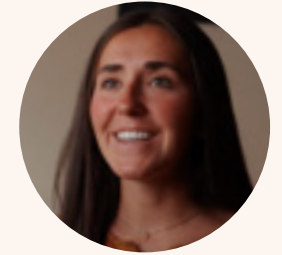
I think the human experience of hitting rock bottom is that when we hit the bottom, **we actually hit reality.** When all of our structures, comforts, and things we place around ourselves to feel okay are stripped away, the only thing we can do is to cry out, "Father".

It's such a testament to the dramatic need that Roy had for a Savior, and then **the dramatic appearance of that Savior.**

The impact of Christ in the City on a person's life, it's ultimately knowing that you are part of a community that says I'm here and I will remain here. I choose to stand with you, despite the ups and downs. **What that says to a person's heart it sinks in the truth of the Fathers love which is "I love you and I am going nowhere."**

Fr. Daniel Eusterman

Archdiocese of Denver



Christ in the City is the place where my heart changed.

It came through encountering the homeless and sharing life with the missionaries. It's a life that faces so much suffering, yet is marked by immense and overflowing joy (just walk through the missionary house at any given moment!).

The life at Christ in the City is a call to be bold and unafraid.

This call looks different every day, but in Roy's case, our call was to be with him as his liver was failing, holding his hand and praying with him for a miracle. We never know what the day ahead will bring, but we are called to remain with those the Lord puts in front of us to love and to be open to receiving His love in return.

Betty

Program Director, Denver

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I see the power of God through Christ in the City and THAT has been one of the greatest transformations of my life.

Roy

*Friend of Christ in the City
Now in Housing :)*



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

2022-2023



DENVER



46

full-time missionaries



526

first-time volunteers from 31 states



622

hours of formation each missionary receives per year (includes classes in Theology, workshops, retreats, spiritual accompaniment)



11,150

meals served in Denver + Philadelphia at **Lunch in the Park**: an opportunity for local parishes, schools, and organizations to serve the poor with us.



11,776

street ministry walks across 10 different routes encountering the homeless



2,500

unique homeless individuals encountered by name



38,236

hours spent on the streets accompanying the homeless during Year of Service and Summer of Service programs

A FOUNDATION IS LAID

MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT



Colleen
Missionary '21-'23 - Program Director Philly

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I am officially an alumna of Christ in the City. After two years of learning to radically love the poor, myself, and a community of peers, I have moved out of a room with bunk beds and into a little Philly row house. As I try to gather words for the experiences of the past two years, I am grateful. For the missionaries and staff who laughed with me until I cried, held me in intense sadness, skipped with our homeless friends through the streets of Philly, and **loved me unconditionally**, I am grateful.

The formation I have received at Christ in the City **has brought me to a place of dependency on God that cannot be shaken or destroyed.**

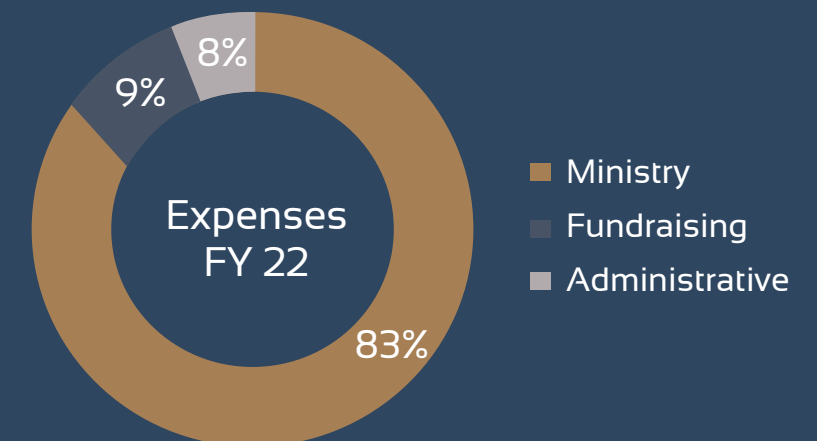
It was in the breakdowns of our friends on the streets that I learned empathy and emotional awareness. In the moments I chose to stop in the chapel when I was angry that I learned the consolation of the Father. When living on mission with 12 other people with our own personalities and temperaments got to me, **I discovered what I need in friendships and how to “love until it hurts”** as Mother Teresa instructs us. The days I begged Jesus to heal my wounded heart, I accepted my poverty and cultivated courage.

There will never be sufficient words to put to my time as a missionary. It is still surreal that it is over and life is moving forward in a new way. But I am forever marked by this experience. **I am equally as grateful for you who have prayed for me and financially supported me.** Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for making my missionary years possible. **I am forever grateful.**

2022 - 2023 FINANCIALS

INCOME:
\$2,664,054

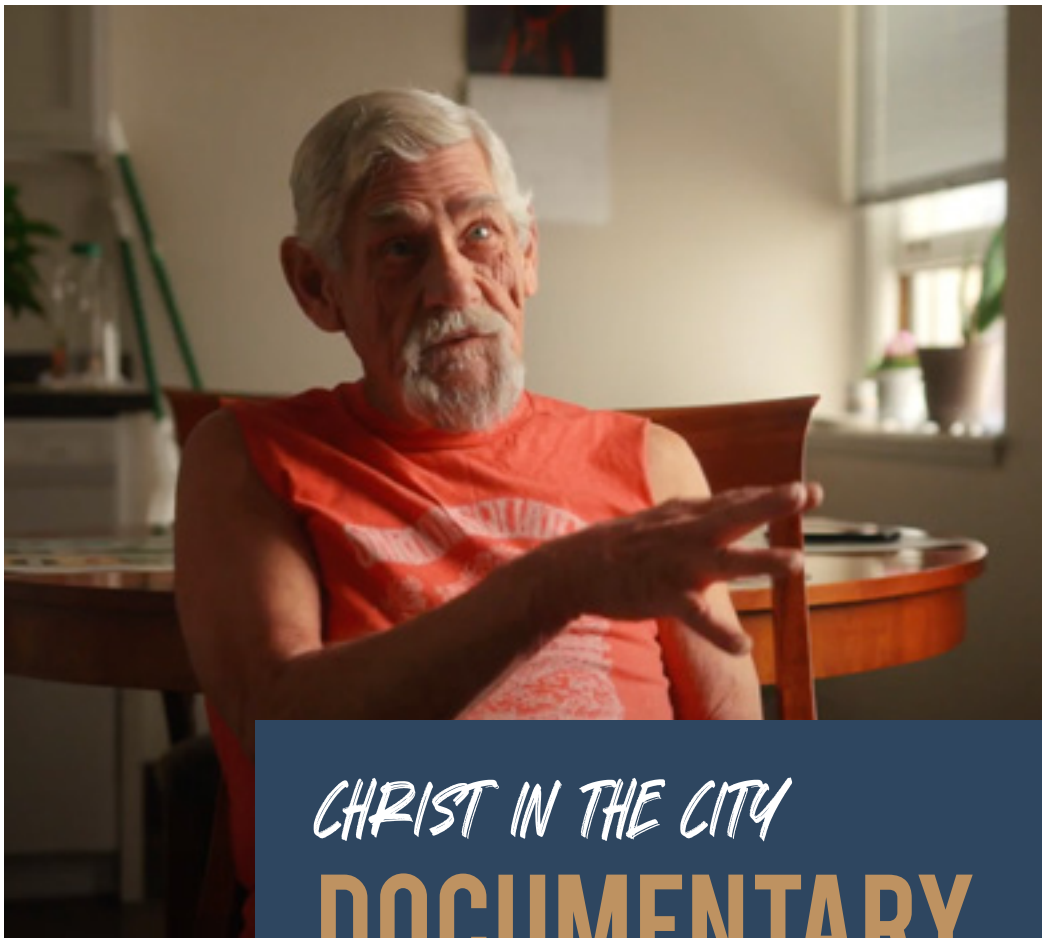
EXPENSES:
\$3,017,483



Financials include in-kind donations.



PHILADELPHIA



CHRIST IN THE CITY DOCUMENTARY ON TOUR!

October 2023 - May 2024

Homeless But Human: A Christ in the City Documentary will be traveling throughout the United States this coming year! Check our website for public showings near you.

Fill out the form to request to be apart of the tour!



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