

ANNUAL REVIEW



LOVE UNTIL IT HURTS

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Christ in the City Family,

We have had a very blessed year reaching out to those who are most abandoned and lonely and bringing them the joy and hope of Jesus Christ.

One important aspect of our ministry is what we call the "ministry of presence." Though often unnoticed, it has a profound impact on people experiencing isolation and loneliness. At its heart, the ministry of presence is about four ways we seek to be present to those we serve:

- We want to see the presence of Jesus Christ in each person who suffers.
- We aspire to bring the presence of Jesus through our testimony, words, and service.
- We acknowledge their presence. They are not invisible to us; we recognize their dignity and humanity.
- We offer our own presence as an invitation to relationship.

In that same spirit, we have launched a new initiative: Mission Partnerships with parishes. We have begun with three parishes, helping them develop ministries to the poor within their communities. We provide training and leadership to foster a culture of encounter, service, and evangelization. Missionaries lead parishioners in ministries of presence in nursing homes, hospitals, homeless shelters, and other places where people experience isolation. After two to three years, as these ministries and this culture take root, leadership and coordination will be fully passed on to the parish, allowing us to serve new communities.

Through this new initiative, our model of encountering those who suffer most continues to grow. And none of this would be possible without our entire family of missionaries, alumni, volunteers, and donors.

Thank you for being part of this mission!

THE FOUR PILLARS OF FORMATION

Spiritual:

The biggest lesson I've learned during my time at Christ in the City is being convinced that I am a beloved son of God: that he loves me not for what I've done or failed to do, but simply because I am his. From this place of knowing my sonship, He has also entrusted to me the mission to communicate to others their beloved sonship or daughterhood. To tell others, with more than words, that they are loved by God. The spiritual formation at Christ in the City aims at helping the missionaries to understand

their identity as God's beloved child and asks them to participate in sharing this truth with the people God puts in front of them. I am utterly grateful for it.

– Mason 24-26



Human:

Human formation is not something I've learned from a class or a book, but what I've learned from rubbing elbows with other young adults who are pursuing the goal of love. Each member of my community is like a mirror in which I see my faults and my blessings that I would not otherwise see. Human formation has been learning to know my imperfections and to allow them to be seen by others; it is learning to receive and give real love, and not just the idea of it.

– Cecilia 25-26



Apostolic:

Beginning in high school, the Lord revealed to me his ache for his beloved children on the streets. I longed to tell them that they were infinitely loved by a God who would never abandon them and who died on a cross purely out of love for them. Our apostolate has allowed me to do this, and it has formed my heart in the process. As a missionary, I have conveyed God's infinite love to His children on the streets, and I have experienced His love in my own heart. In serving the poor, I have come to face my poverty, and by doing so, I have experienced God's love in a deeply healing way.

– Alexa 24-26



Intellectual:

My intellectual formation at Christ in the City has been shaped by my professors and the principles they taught, including a sacramental worldview, Catholic social teaching, and the basis of philosophical thinking. These foundations have helped me recognize God's presence in daily life, understand the dignity of every person, and seek truth with greater clarity. Together, they have equipped me to live the Gospel faithfully and continue serving Christ wherever the Lord takes me.

– Hannah 24-26



VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

112 VOLUNTEERS WERE TRAINED AND COMMITTED TO A MINISTRY IN YEAR 25-26

Forming missionaries has always been the goal of CITC, and that applies to more than just the young adults who apply for a year of service. We strive to cultivate missionary hearts in volunteers, donors, and the greater Church by offering them meaningful opportunities to serve the poor. **The volunteer ministries are the ideal opportunity to get the greater community involved in ministries of presence in nursing homes, jails, hospitals, and homeless shelters.** These ministries offer the same opportunity for a relational-based ministry that Christ in the City provides for its full-time missionaries, but the ministries occur in settings and times that are more conducive for lay Christians who live ordinary lives. The Volunteer Ministries started two years ago and continue to grow so that the ministries are sustainable and consistent.

Locations beginning Fall 2026:

6 Nursing Homes

3 Hospitals

3 Jails

3 Homeless Shelters

2 Street Ministry Teams

All volunteers receive training from Christ in the City to prepare them for ministry. We inform them about the demographics of each facility, give them tips for the challenges they'll face, and most importantly, form their hearts. All Volunteer Ministries involve Christ in the City missionaries who accompany the volunteers and lead by example.



WANT TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED?

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

In Spring of 2026, we embarked on a new initiative to form missionary hearts in the greater Church. Christ in the City began Mission Partnerships with three parishes to develop ministries to the poor within their parish boundaries. We will provide training, leadership, and administration to these partners, jumpstarting their communities in a culture of encounter, service, and evangelization. Missionaries will lead parishioners in ministries of presence in nursing homes, hospitals, and homeless shelters. After two to three years, when the culture and ministries grow, Christ in the City will pass on the leadership and coordination of these ministries fully to the partnering community and seek out future partners. In Fall 2026, these new ministries of presence will launch, serving the most isolated and forming Catholic communities in their missionary identity.



Sheridan, CO



NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD

Broomfield, CO

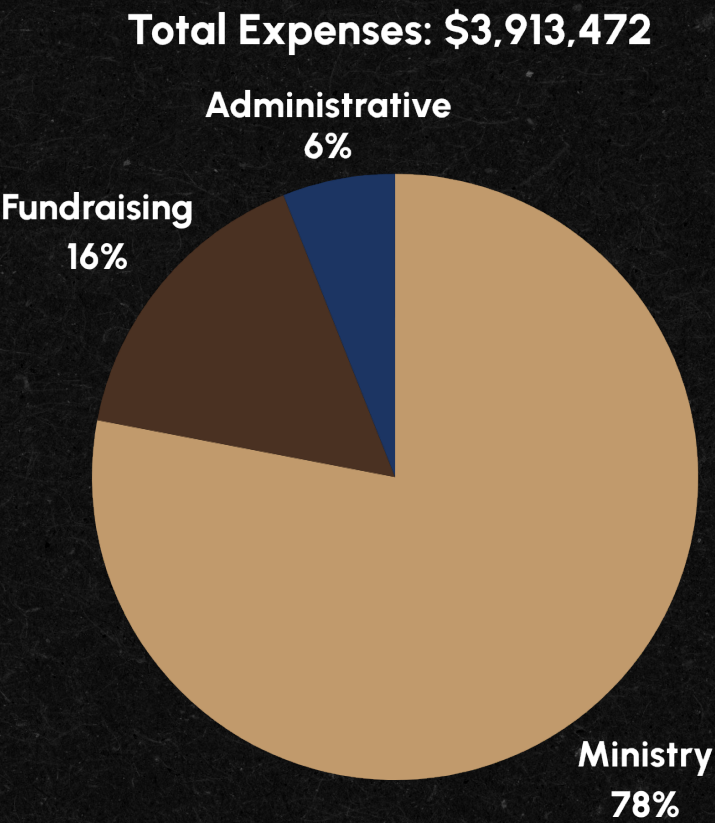
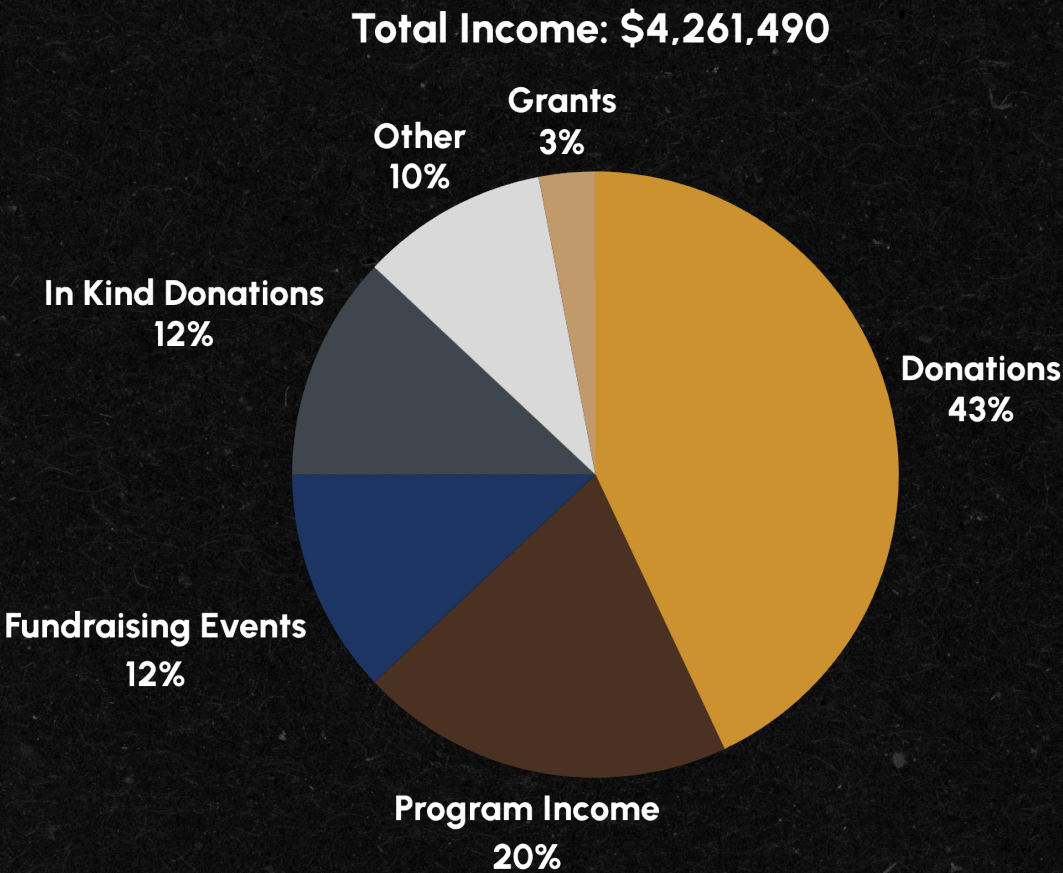


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— PARISH —

Philadelphia, PA

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 2025 - JULY 2026



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

2025-2026



49,986

Conversations with the poor.



2,867

People prayed with during ministry.



651 hrs

Missionaries spent in community building activities.



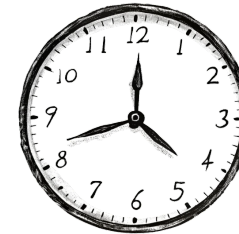
456 hrs

Each missionary spent on retreat.



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Made professions into permanent religious life and priesthood.



744 hrs

Each missionary engaged in direct service to the poor.

(Including street ministry, Lunch in the Park, night ministry and accompaniments)



1,224

Encounters with the imprisoned.



48

Full-time missionaries.



14,444

People Christ in the City encountered in ministry.



The Archbishop of Denver, Charles Chaput, gives his blessing to start Christ in the City.

Jonathan Reyes started Christ in the City with Yvonne Noggle as the first director.

First Summer Missions as a pilot program.



Homeless taskforce:

A small "task force" of missionaries started reaching out to people living on the streets and became Christ in the City's main ministry.

The Archbishop of Denver, Samuel Aquila, gave the old convent of the Missionaries of Charity, known as Seton House, to Christ in the City to be the first missionary house and headquarters.



UNIVERSITY of MARY | for Life.

Augustine INSTITUTE

The headquarters moved to the rectory of St. Joseph Parish.

Agreements with the Augustine Institute and the University of Mary to provide intellectual formation for the missionaries.



On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we signed the agreement with the University of Mary to make the former Escuela de Guadalupe permanent headquarters of Christ in the City.

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017



First Missionary Year:

Women at a rented house and men at the rectory of Annunciation Parish.

Missionaries began reaching out to people in need at shelters and other locations.

Christ in the City welcomes the first groups on spring break mission trip, becoming a yearly staple of the program.



First fundraiser dinner called the "Un-Gala". Archbishop Aquila served the food.

Started a temporary house for missionaries and ministry in Colorado Springs

CHRIST IN THE CITY BECAME HOMELESS!

The rectory of St. Joseph Parish was destined to become a community for seminarians.

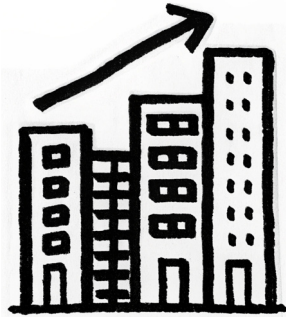


Thanks to the classroom

The History of CHRIST *IN THE CITY*

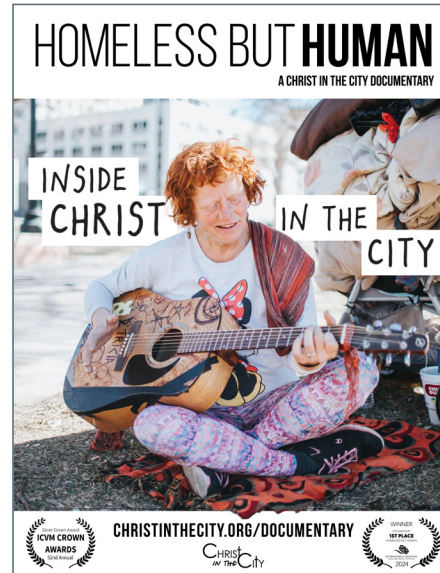


Due to generous donors, one of the former Denver Archdiocese house was remodeled to become a chapel.



The Summer Missions program expanded from one city to five:

Los Angeles, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, New York City, and Philadelphia

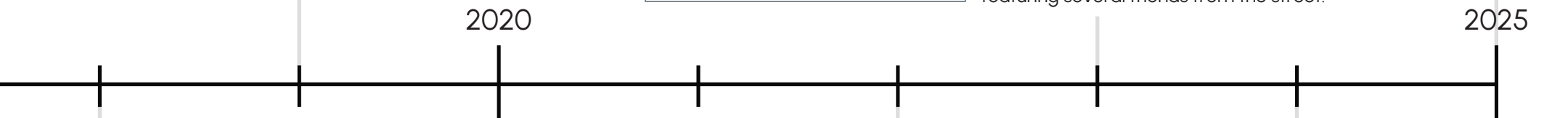


CREATE A CULTURE OF
ENCOUNTER



We launched the "Volunteer Ministries", inviting people to serve alongside the missionaries in jails, nursing homes, shelters, and hospitals in the evenings.

"Homeless But Human" releases, our first full-length documentary featuring several friends from the street.



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Due to the COVID pandemic, most missionaries had to return home, and we continued operating at a reduced capacity, even with minimal resources

Lunch in the Park **was never canceled**, not even during the climax of the pandemic.

First international Summer Missions in Ireland.



We opened our second city in Philadelphia in an abandoned convent for Polish nuns.



First "Encounter Fundraiser" in Philadelphia.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF POVERTY?



Poverty. If I could summarize my time as a missionary with one word, it would be Poverty. I came expecting "poverty" to mean the poor that I encounter on the streets each week, and yet there are so many other faces of poverty that I see each day, each hour. I wake up, having slept poorly on my rickety bunk bed, wishing for a few extra hours of rest. I pray with my community, half asleep, longing for a deep revelation from the Lord to captivate me, and often not perceiving one. I eat breakfast, sometimes wishing for a quiet morning, but sharing a

meal with 16 others who want to hear how I am doing. I walk the streets of Philadelphia, encountering the poor who have so little hope and who long for a better life. I come home, worn by the sorrows of those who I met, and prepare logistics for future street walks. With my team, I unpack the experiences we had during our street walk. Then I cook dinner and help to deep clean the house. I go to bed spent, and prepare myself to do it all again the next day.

IS THAT WHAT HOLINESS LOOKS LIKE? IS THAT WHAT LOVING THE POOR LOOKS LIKE?

For me, I have learned that yes it is. It may seem like so little at the time, but each moment is an invitation from the Lord for me to give what little I have. In my tiredness, He invites me to be with my fellow missionaries, to let them love me and to love them with what poor love I have. He invites me to be present to Him in prayer no matter how I am feeling that day. He invites me to go and find His poor and give them the one resource I have: myself. Each little "YES" that I give is something that He can use. Even though many times I fall short of His invitations, He has never tired of asking again. The Lord knows my desires to serve Him in a grand way, to provide for each need that I see with my own strength, but in my poverty I cannot. Like the little boy who comes to the apostles, I have slowly learned that all I have to offer are a few loaves and fishes - far too little for the many needs of each day. Yet when given to the Lord they can become so much more.

My Father is one of abundance. He does not need me to give large sums to Him. When I freely offer Him the little that I have, though, He will transform it into an overabundance - just like the five loaves and two fishes "that had become more than [the 5000] could eat."

- Sam

Philadelphia Missionary 2024-2026





FREE WILLS FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

A lasting legacy of faith is taking root among our Christ in the City community. Through planned gifts made possible by My Catholic Will, generous supporters are choosing to sustain our mission and ensure that future generations of young adults continue to be formed and that our friends on the street continue to be known, loved and served.

In just the first year of offering this opportunity, 10 donors, many of whom have chosen to remain anonymous, **have committed \$266,600 in primary bequests to Christ in the City**. These extraordinary gifts represent more than financial support; they are a profound expression of trust in the mission and a desire to continue serving others even beyond their own lifetime.

We are deeply grateful to these faithful supporters who have chosen to invest in the future of Christ in the City. Their generosity will help strengthen the mission for years to come and allow future missionaries to continue walking alongside thereby restoring hope and dignity to those experiencing homelessness.

Through our partnership with My Catholic Will, **we are able to provide our community with a free and accessible way to create a last will and testament** while also considering a legacy gift to the ministries they cherish. My Catholic Will is the only online Catholic will-writing tool available today and offers a simple way to secure your legacy of faith.

Begin your will today and consider leaving a lasting legacy through Christ in the City.

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