



CHRISTLIFE™

CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

15TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

EASTER 2011

After Christ was crucified and laid in a tomb, the Jewish leaders asked Pilate to secure the tomb in order to prevent a fraud regarding his claim that he would rise on the third day (see Matthew 27:64). Pilate representing the Roman Empire, the super power of that time, would make certain that there was no way on earth for Jesus' corpse to be stolen from the tomb. So soldiers were sent to guard the tomb of a crucified man accused of being, 'King of the Jews.'

Matthew tells us that on the morning of the third day, women who had watched him die and be placed in a tomb returned to properly prepare Jesus' body (for burial).

These faithful disciples would now be eyewitnesses of the event that changed everything. "...a great earthquake occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it." The authority of the Kingdom of God and of his Christ were now manifested, so that the soldiers who felt the earthquake and saw the fearsome non-earthly being easily roll back the stone and sit upon it in uncontested demonstration of power, were in such terror that they physically became like dead men. When kings and rulers of the earth die, they lie in repose with a guard to honor their passing. We now see what an honor guard of heaven looks like, at the resurrection of Jesus the Son of God (Matt. 28: 2-4).

As it turned out, the problem for the authorities of this world (both seen and unseen) was not keeping people out of the tomb but keeping the Son of God in. Jesus was gloriously raised victorious over Satan, sin, and death. He rose into a totally new form of life to which we who are in Christ, are also made new creations (Romans 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:17).

The women, who had remained with him in his passion and death, are now given the honor of being there at his rising. The angel instructs them to go and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead. In continuing faithfulness and trust, they go. And this further step of obedience is rewarded with a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, who joyfully encourages their mission to proclaim his rising from the dead.

Sharing the good news that God raised Jesus from the dead has been at the heart of the Church's mission for 2000 years. This message turned the world upside down and right side up. People we know desperately need to hear the good news that gives meaning to life and power to change.

We know this message is true because Jesus is alive and we have come to know him ourselves, we have witnessed his rising and he has changed our lives. It is our privilege to continue to see many people transformed by the saving love of God.

Just as he told the women 2000 years ago, he calls you and me to 'Go' and make known the most important news in all of history and in all of the universe - Jesus is risen from the dead! Let's look for occasions to make him known this Easter season!

With a deep gratitude and prayers for our partnership in advancing his love I remain,

Your brother,

Dave Nodar



ChristLife Director, Dave Nodar

"Do not be afraid for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen as he said."

— An angel of God to the women at the tomb of Jesus

OUR MISSION

- To help others to discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ as members of the Catholic Church.
- To equip dioceses, parishes, small faith communities, and young adults to evangelize.

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15th Anniversary Celebration!

On January 30, 2011, nearly 100 people joined ChristLife to celebrate its 15th Anniversary with a Mass and reception at St. Louis Parish. Fr. Erik Arnold and Msgr. Joseph Luca presided at the Mass.

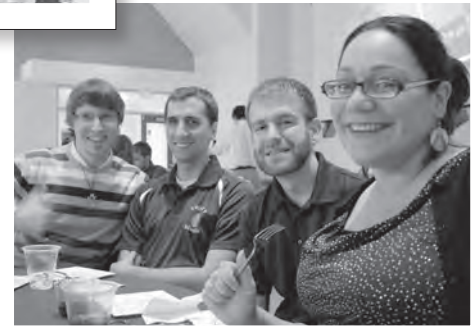
After Mass, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship. Following dinner, Dave Nodar and Pete Ascosi shared reflections on their service to ChristLife. The evening concluded with several people sharing testimonies of how the Lord has touched their lives through the ministry of ChristLife.



George, Donna, and Geralyn (from left) at the reception.



Dianne, Lynn, and Susan (from left) enjoying dinner.



John, Kyle, Brian, and Stephanie (from left) having fun at dinner.



ChristLife Conference

From March 30 – April 1, over 50 clergy, religious and lay leaders from around the nation and from Slovakia, gathered at St. Louis Parish for the ChristLife Conference. The training included for the first time ChristLife's full evangelization process: *Discovering, Following, and Sharing Christ*.

The conference began with a welcome video by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien:

"I would like to welcome you to St. Louis Parish and to the Archdiocese of Baltimore and to this very special ChristLife conference. In the movement for the new evangelization there are few programs I have seen more successful than ChristLife..."

The main goal of the ChristLife conference was to train leaders in a comprehensive approach to evangelization in their parishes and ministries. Participants shared at the end of the conference—

"The well thought out, step by step methodical approach [was] excellent!"

"Very practical and provides concrete methods to implement the vision."

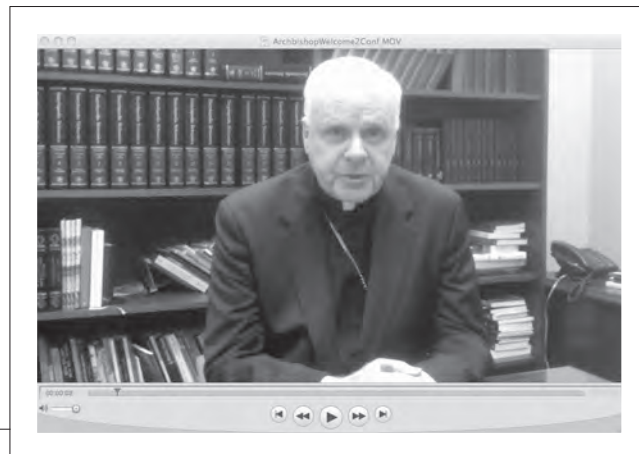
Beyond the methods and training, many participants remarked how the conference provided a venue for personal spiritual renewal and a chance to meet others with a similar passion. When asked what they liked best about the conference, participants' shared—

"Interaction with others passionate about evangelization in a prayerful, spirit-filled environment!"

"Meeting new people who love the Lord."

Conference participants left uplifted and empowered to bring renewal and evangelization to their parishes and communities. To see more pictures visit www.christlife.org/conference

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien welcomes conference participants via video. Watch online at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KQuWhBCoF4>



Fr. Martin Huk, Br. Jozek Mihok, and Peter X from Slovakia with Leo



Sr. Linda and Sr. Karen sharing a laugh

Archdiocese of New York *Discovering Christ Conference*

July 15-16, 2011

Join clergy and lay leaders from around the Archdiocese of New York for complete training in using *Discovering Christ*. Visit www.christlife.org/events for more info



ChristLife and participants from the Archdiocese of NY

Dondra's Conversion Story



Before ChristLife, I had what Dave describes so well, a dull ache within, something I think many of my fellow “soul searchers” can relate to. After living in Florida most of my adult life, I came back here to Maryland almost three years ago... to accept help from my Mother and cousin who lived in this area.

It was one of the hardest times ever in my life. While dealing with the difficulty of a major geographical change, I came up here with the wounds of not being able to have children, the pain of a divorce, in the midst of foreclosure, big financial challenges, and other issues... I was, as my Mother described, broken. Little by little my situation and attitude were improving.... Yet almost three years later, I still had that dull ache....

After my trusted friend Susan suggested Discovering Christ to me, I came to the course curious and with excitement. However, I was a bit nervous.... even shy and did have apprehension wondering if I would be surrounded with “goodie two shoes” who may preach, judge, and not be open to conversation about my curiosity and sometimes doubts I had at the time.

How pleasantly surprised I was by the immediate warmth and acceptance I felt! The warmth was everywhere from the initial greeting to the fellow students to the volunteers and gifted facilitators. These people were open minded, interesting, funny, kind, comforting, witty, intelligent conversationalists.... The dinner fellowship was a great chance to connect and relax before the class started... The music was soothing and uplifting. The course presentations were inspirational, real, educational, spiritual, and convincing about the power and truth of Christ! Our group conversations to follow were touching, helpful, fun, intimate, and strengthening.

I found myself looking so forward to Monday night class almost as if it were a direct vitamin shot to my soul and a reinforcement of peace in my sometimes worried mind. The retreat was a healing and unusual experience! I felt like I was becoming more equipped with a strong faith and one I was finding more credible at last! I felt like I had found more security and safety in my faith like never before. And that there was an amazing grace of this beautiful, giving spiritual community out there with genuine down to earth kind people within our reach!

Since the course, I am constantly feeling a sense of trust and peace strengthening within myself. Don't get me wrong; I still have huge worries, and much work ahead. I am human! Yet I feel this powerful safe place and shift in how my mind is thinking with the trials, tribulations, and joys of life. I feel this steady comforting presence of Christ, God, and Holy Spirit prompting trust when I am feeling fearful, and grateful praise when I feel joyous. I feel more compassionate and patient towards others and myself.

There is nothing to lose in taking the time to explore this class, and everything to gain. Like I said, it is the gift that keeps on giving. Open that gift! God bless!

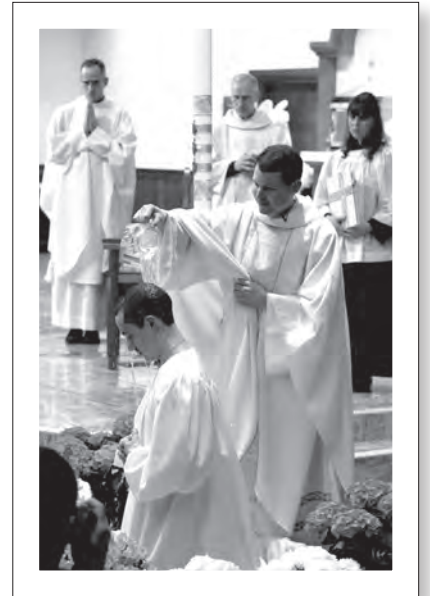
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Outreach to Young Adults Grows

Pete Ascosi

Every Wednesday 20 or so young adults aged 18-35 gather at ChristLife for praise and worship, spiritual formation, and small group discussion. It is a diverse group of young adults coming from different places in life and faith. Some come from the Washington DC area, others from Baltimore. Some have been together for a couple years, and some joined just recently. All are united by a common desire to know Jesus Christ, to experience the support of Christian community, and to be given the opportunity to serve and evangelize others.

Please pray for us as we seek to grow as a young adult community and as we reach out to our peers this summer through the Discovering Christ program. For more information about who we are or to join us, visit <http://www.christlife.org/youngadults>.



Fr. Erik Arnold baptizes Ryan, a member of ChristLife's young adult community, at the Easter Vigil 2011.

One Intern Says Goodbye, Another Hello!

“Wow! What a year! I am so grateful for this year of serving at ChristLife. I have grown and learned so much about service, worship, evangelization, and Christian fellowship. I have learned not from books and studies but from living examples, all of the incredible people who work at ChristLife! What I have appreciated the most is the way I have been loved and appreciated for who I am at ChristLife. As far as my future after ChristLife, I am participating in a college service



James Lohrmann

program at the Apostolate for Family Consecration and then will begin my college studies at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Although the Lord has not revealed to me yet my future career, this I do know, that I will live my life to please the Lord and do His will!”

“Hi! My name is Katie Erskine. I am an upcoming junior at Franciscan University and will be the college intern this summer for Christlife. I am studying Theology and Catechetics with the hope of becoming a youth minister and am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Christlife community! I am excited to begin working and to discover what blessings God has in store for the summer!”



Katie Erskine

For more information about ChristLife's internship program, visit <http://www.christlife.org/about/internship.html>



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Resources For Sale

OVERALL EVANGELIZATION PROCESS

ChristLife Introduction DVD

Price: \$15.00

Includes introductions to Discovering, Following, and Sharing Christ; as well as Testimonies from participants and a pastor who is running these courses.

ChristLife Training CDs

Price: \$55.00

Includes 1 audio CD (mp3 format) of the Spring 2011 conference teachings and 1 CD with all the PowerPoint presentations. Important for training your team!

ChristLife Evangelization Kit

Price: \$565.00

All material needed to start the ChristLife evangelization process at your parish or ministry. It includes 1 of each of the materials in this catalog at a 10% discount. Available with or without electronic licenses.

w/o Licenses:
\$385.00



DISCOVERING CHRIST



ask.
seek.
knock.

**discovering
CHRIST**
a seven-week experience

Invite DVD

Price: \$5.00

A 4-minute inspiring video that serves to invite people to Discovering Christ.

Teaching DVDs

Price: \$100.00

The 3 DVD set with all of the teachings needed for Discovering Christ.

How to Run the Course Manual

Price: \$15.00

A comprehensive introduction to Discovering Christ and practicals in how to run the course in a large, medium, or small group.

Small Group Facilitator's Guide

Price: \$8.00

Provides instruction on how to run a small group on Discovering Christ; all talk outlines, and small group discussion questions.

Participant's Guide

Price: \$6.00

This is the companion guide for Discovering Christ. It includes all talk outlines and several resources.

Electronic License

Price: \$100.00

This allows you to access the digital versions (pdf) of all Discovering Christ manuals and permission to print unlimited quantities.



FOLLOWING CHRIST



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following
CHRIST
a seven-week journey

Teaching DVDs

Price: \$100.00

The 3 DVD set with all of the teachings needed for Following Christ.

How to Run the Course Guide

Price: \$12.00

A comprehensive introduction to Following Christ and practicals in how to run the course in a parish or ministry setting.

Small Group Facilitator's Guide

Price: \$9.00

Provides instruction on how to run a small group on Following Christ; all talk outlines, and small group discussion questions.

Participant's Guide

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This is the companion guide for Following Christ. It includes all talk outlines and several resources.

Electronic License

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This allows you to access the digital versions (pdf) of all Following Christ manuals and permission to print unlimited quantities.

SHARING CHRIST

Teaching DVDs

Price: \$50.00

The 3 DVD set with all of the teachings and testimonies needed for Sharing Christ.

Teaching CDs

Price: \$20.00

A 4 CD set that contains all of the audio of the 7 teachings and testimonies.

Director's Handbook

Price: \$16.00

A comprehensive introduction to Sharing Christ and how to run the course in your parish or ministry.

Facilitator's Guide

Price: \$6.00

Provides instruction on how to run a small group on Sharing Christ; all talk outlines, small group discussion questions, and action items.

Study Guide

Price: \$4.00

Contains all of the talk outlines and resources for an individual to personally experience Sharing Christ.

Characteristics of the New Evangelization

Price: \$2.00

A short booklet by Dave Nodar explaining the Church's teaching on the New Evangelization. A great resource for Sharing Christ leaders.

SHARING CHRIST

*How to Present the Gospel
By Witness and Word*

EVENTS CALENDAR

Please intercede for these events

Following Christ

Mondays, 7:30-9:30pm

May 2 – June 13, 2011

St. Louis Parish, Clarksville, MD

Young Adult Community Meetings

Wednesdays till June 22, 7:15-9:00pm

ChristLife, Ellicott City, MD

“The Holy Spirit and Evangelism”

(Pete Ascosi)

Archdiocese of Baltimore Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Sunday, May 29, 2011, 3pm

Cathedral of Mary our Queen, Baltimore, MD

Young Adult Community Retreat

Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5, 2011

Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat Center, Jefferson, MD

“Evangelization in the Catholic Church” (Dave Nodar)

Morning seminar

Saturday, June 18, 2011, 10:00-11:30am

Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD

Discovering Christ for Young Adults

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:15pm

June 29 – August 10, 2011

Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, MD

Archdiocese of New York Discovering Christ Conference

Friday, July 15 – Saturday, July 16, 2011

Holy Trinity Parish, Poughkeepsie, NY

Diocese of Wilmington Catholic Charismatic

Renewal Conference (Dave Nodar is the keynote speaker)

Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2

Rehoboth, DE

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