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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING STUDENTS TO CHRIST

A CONVERSATION WITH
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BY MIKE ST. PIERRE

MINISTRY THAT LASTS

Crystal Sullivan, Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Dayton, has been a campus minister since 1994. Earlier this year, we spoke about campus ministers embracing the responsibility of leading others to Christ.

What has contributed to your success?

I can't do what I do without my team and I trust the people around me. We spend a lot of time planning and have learned to trust the Holy Spirit even more.

What are the skills needed to excel in campus ministry?

You have to be creative, deeply grounded in your faith and be open to new faces. It's important to be able to work with different kinds of people and of course, be grounded in good theological training.

How has campus ministry changed in the past twenty years?

Technology has changed a lot- what does ministry look like online and how can we strike a balance between using technology without losing personal contact.

Can you share one time management trick?

I try not to schedule meetings before 10am.

What would you tell your 20-something self?

Trust in the Holy Spirit and let God do most of the work.

What do you recommend in terms of professional development for campus ministers?

Have peers around you that you can trust and don't be afraid of the value of counseling. Finally, be able to take ownership of your mistakes.

INTENTIONAL PLANNING LEADS TO MEASURABLE RESULTS

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“Hey, you should come to our event.” “What are you doing this weekend? We have a great retreat happening, why don’t you and a friend come?” “We are having an interfaith discussion at the Student Union, FREE PIZZA.”

Does any of this sound familiar? I am sure it does. As ministers, especially to college students, we are eager to grab their attention and get them to attend our latest event or gathering. However, is this approach really the best way to meet their needs or foster them in their relationship with Jesus Christ?

Programming: In the Catholic Church we often find the “answers” to many of our “problems” through programs. Are we offering opportunities to allow for mentoring or spiritual growth for those in our care? Let us not get tied up in the illusion that large numbers equates to successful ministry. How can we help those encounter Jesus Christ and form a personal relationship with Him?

Gatherings: Are there opportunities for students to meet different people? Part of the college experience is learning about new people and forming new communities. That means having different kinds of events to meet people of different interests. Sure the Bible study and prayer group is nice, but what about service opportunities or merely time for fellowship? These are other ways to build and strengthen community.

Timing: It is great that we have a retreat at the end of the semester, but I have finals to study for, or that internship to get ready for. Can we be more cautious when planning gathered events? We want to be supporting of those in our care, not adding more to their already full plates.

We all want to engage more fully those college students who are searching for Christ in their lives. We as leaders need to be more intentional about how we go about planning and inviting them to gathered events and to offer them support when they are out on campus.

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ON MY CAMPUS: EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

JOSEPH PRESTON



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“God will not be outdone in generosity.” This quote attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola is something my campus minister repeated to me all the time as a student. As I reflect on *Empowered by the Spirit: Campus Ministry Faces the Future*, the Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry issued by The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, I can’t help but recall this quote. As a campus minister we are witnesses to acts of generosity on a daily basis.

Working with college students, I have seen the generosity in which they live their lives and live out their Catholic faith. Students are always willing to be generous with their time by sharing their faith and welcoming others into the faith community. They show me how to care for others and how to spread their faith with how they live their lives. This spirit of generosity makes it a privilege to minister to the students as well as grow in faith with them. Students also help us to be better ministers and show us the importance of ministry of presence and personal relationship.

The daily example of students is a constant reminder of how to be generous in my own life. As simple as that may sound, it is important to remember why we got involved in ministry in the beginning. This generosity calls us to move beyond programming and towards ministering to our students directly. Students provide a constant reminder of how to be witnesses of our faith and that is exactly what *Empowered by the Spirit* asks us to do. The document reminds us of the many aspects of a vibrant ministry: “Forming the Faith Community, Appropriating the Faith, Forming the Christian Conscience, Educating for Justice, Facilitating Personal Development, and Developing Leaders for the Future.” These aspects focus mainly on ministering to the students and how to do that is not always in the task we are asked to accomplish.

As campus ministers, we have a variety of tasks we are asked to accomplish. Our job descriptions can vary from leading retreats, service, and probably everyone’s favorite line in their job description, “other duties as assigned.” Though these tasks are important and are what can sometimes quantify what we do on a daily basis, they can pull us away from ministering to actual students. We have to remember that the tasks aren’t as important as the person with whom we minister. I know there are times where I think I have to run to this meeting or plan this experience, that I lose sight of why I am called to be a minister in the first place. We have to remember to be like our students and be generous in how we live our lives.

In the title of the document the bishops use the phrase, “campus ministry faces the future.” Thirty-two years later and the future is something that we as campus ministers need to continue to work towards. We can only do this when we recall why we were called into this ministry—to walk with our students as they continue to journey in life and faith.

The same campus minister in college that quoted St. Ignatius always said the Spirit is going to work with or without us, so work with the Spirit or get out of the way. Let us not lose sight of why we minister in the first place.

WHY MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

BY ROSIE SHAWVER



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When I was an undergraduate student at UC San Diego I had an inkling that God was calling me to be a college campus minister. I remember when the person hiring me as the Director of Campus Ministry at the University of New Mexico told me that they had registered me as a campus minister through the Catholic Campus Ministry Association in 2006. I was thrilled that the inkling I had in college was coming to fruition!

CCMA has played a vital role in my formation as a lay minister in the Catholic Church since the beginning of my career. CCMA has offered me the opportunity to network, grow in my professional skills through the attendance of conferences, the Frank J. Lewis Institute, Adelante!, and webinars. I even met my husband through a co-sponsored CCMA and Maryknoll trip!

This ministry is both rewarding and extremely challenging. God has called us to enliven the Catholic Church on colleges campuses across the United States. The relationships I have built professionally through CCMA and those I will build in the future as a life-long member of CCMA will help to make college campus ministry stronger wherever I serve.

NEW CCMA BENEFITS

NOZBE PRODUCTIVITY APP



We all have a lot to do. From scheduling 1x1's with students to preparing retreats, the week fills up fast! Do you have the right tools to keep track of it all?

Nozbe, a strategic partner of CCMA, is offering all CCMA members a free use of their award-winning app called Nozbe.

Michael Sliwinski, a devout Catholic, has developed Nozbe for a decade and is committed to those who work in ministry and also want to improve their productivity.

Contact Chrysta Bolinger to begin using Nozbe today! (bolinger@ccmanet.org)

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Do you wish you could reach more students on your campus? Are you looking for a new way to broadcast your weekend messages?

CCMA, in partnership with My Parish App, the largest developer of Catholic apps, is offering all CCMA members a free use of their app. Customize it to your program and see the difference it makes.

Visit www.myparishapp.com/ccma to begin using My Parish App today!



CCMA ON THE ROAD



The CCMA team has been busy in the past few months, visiting the following locations:

ESTEEM Capstone event in Chicago, IL

Diocese of Camden, NJ Campus Ministers

Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN Campus Ministers

Diocese of Charleston, SC Campus Ministers

The Table Group, Oakland, CA

LA Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles, CA

Diocese of Brooklyn: Campus Ministry Meeting

Duke University: Ministry Research Meeting

Diocese of Charlotte, NC: Campus Ministers

Coming Soon:

April: Iowa Campus Ministers Meeting

May: DePaul University & Area Campus Ministers

June: West Coast Roundtable (Santa Clara University)

June: Campus Minister Retreat (Houston, TX)

July: FOCUS New Campus Minister & Chaplain Meeting

UPCOMING WEBINAR

April 25: "Evaluating Success: Preparing Your Ministry for Summer and Beyond"

How do you evaluate what worked and what didn't in the past year? How can you assess your team in a professional manner? These questions and more will be answered by Grant Rice, Senior Consultant at CHE Trinity Health. Visit www.ccmnet.org/webinars to reserve your spot.

ST. LOUIS BOARD MEETING

March 9/10 (Washington University Catholic Student Center)

The CCMA Executive Board met at the Washington University Catholic Student Center for two days of prayer and dialogue. Special thanks to Fr. Gary Braun, Troy Woytek, Eleanor Clark and their entire team for their gracious hospitality. A summary was emailed to CCMA members on March 15. If you didn't receive it, please contact Chrysta Bolinger: bolinger@ccmanet.org.

One important outcome from the meeting was consensus that CCMA would focus on three areas of importance:

1. Leadership: providing guidance and direction to campus ministers and the Church as campus ministry expands and evolves.
2. Standards: helping campus ministers and the programs they lead aspire to excellence and professionalism.
3. Resources: equipping campus ministers with the best resources available in order to reach more students for Christ and build sustainable ministries on campus.

Overall, it was a productive meeting. As traditional campus ministry continues to include efforts such as FOCUS, St. Paul's Outreach and Evangelical Catholic, we can expand our reach and maximize our impact.



INTRODUCING THE CCMA SPEAKER BUREAU

Finding a dynamic campus ministry speaker isn't easy. We are pleased to announce the CCMA Speaker Bureau. Visit ccmanet.org/speakers for details.



2018 CONVENTION!



The CCMA National Convention is scheduled for May 29-June 1, 2018, in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Join hundreds of campus ministers and colleagues for three days of professional development, fellowship and prayer.

The Convention is your opportunity to network, dialogue and be renewed in your mission on campus. **For details, visit www.ccmanet.org/convention2018.**

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

June 27: Santa Clara University, West Coast Roundtable

June 28-29: Summer Campus Minister Retreat

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From Pope Francis

This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good.

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