



# Catholic Christian O U T R E A C H

*You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me through many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.*

*2 Timothy 2:1-2*

How many of you know someone who has walked away from the Catholic Church or stopped practicing their faith? The sad reality is that we all know people. Those people may even be our family members. It broke my heart to sit on the side and let this continue.

For those who may not know me, my name is Angelo Zidan; I am a Catholic missionary working for an organization called Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). Like those you may know who have walked away from their faith, I was that kid at one point in my life. I grew up in the church, but once I got to my teen years, I left the church. God was always real to me, but I obeyed the Lord more out of fear than love. I'd live a good Christian life, but I would rarely go to church. I saw God as someone who, if I were to upset by living a sinful life, would punish me by causing bad things to happen for me to pay for my sins. I'd always hear people say he was a loving God, but I thought he was only loving if you lived a perfect life. In university, I found CCO and came to encounter the Lord in a true and loving way, recognizing I was made to have a personal relationship with him. This relationship was made more evident when I went to my first-ever confession when I was 21. It was the first time I had realized the weight of my sin, and that Jesus isn't calling me to be perfect, he's calling me to live out of my truest identity, that I am a beloved son of God and that no matter what happens in life, I will always be his beloved son. After graduating from university, I knew I couldn't keep this to myself, and I felt the Lord call me to be a full-time missionary with CCO.

CCO is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization. We challenge young adults to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. Following Jesus' great commission, we spread the gospel on university campuses, accompanying students back home to the church. CCO is all across Canada on 17 campuses. I am currently blessed to be at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, and I have been there for the past two years.

The Lord did a lot this past year. We had approximately 140 students sign up for faith studies (CCO version of a bible study), about 70 men and 70 women. A particular student I wanted to highlight, his name is Chris. I invited Chris to lead his first-ever faith study back in September and immediately said yes because the Lord, in his prayer time, has been prompting him to lead one. We had five people sign up for his study, but unfortunately, only two showed up. His heart was burning to reach so many lives, and since only two people were showing up, it was quite discouraging to him. The Lord was able to speak through me words of encouragement, saying he will reach many lives and to focus now on the two in front of him. He knew as long as he obeyed the Lord, everything would work out for Jesus' greater glory. The two men Chris led in the study both went on to have a deeper conversion with the Lord, truly claiming for themselves that they now have a personal relationship with Jesus. Chris was amazed at what the Lord had done in their lives. The story doesn't end there! One of the students Chris led was married and has a daughter, but he always kept the faith to himself. After the faith study, he became so on fire for the Catholic faith, realizing the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus that he started to share his faith with anyone who would listen. He also went on to baptize his daughter this past year!! Praise God on that victory! Chris realized that sure, he may have led two people in a study, but the impact he had goes beyond the two men, it even goes to the people they share their faith with.

The beautiful thing is there are 139 other stories just like this! The Lord is truly doing a lot in the students' lives at the University of Saskatchewan! In order for me to continue this mission and continue spreading the gospel on campus, I am seeking to build a team of monthly financial and prayerful supporters! I'd love to meet with you and share more about my story and get to know you more!

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You can also help me reach my goals by offering a tax-deductible donation payable to Catholic Christian Outreach on behalf of Angelo, or you can go to <https://cco.ca/missionaries/angelo-zidan/> to donate. No donation is too small!

I am asking for your prayers so that we can continue to preach the gospel and help students develop a personal relationship with God. You can also say hi to me before I return to Saskatchewan at the end of July. I often attend the Sunday liturgy at 10:30 am.

Always in my prayers,

Angelo Zidan



Some of the U of S Leaders at their monthly Leaders Night



Group Photos at Semester-End Celebration Event



Angelo hosting some of the male leaders for Christmas Celebration