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# *Views from the Pews*

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR UKRAINIAN CHURCH

**Angelo Accepting to Become a  
Missionary**



**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16**

No matter how many steps you have taken away from God, it only takes one step to get back. In Christianity, evangelism is the act of preaching the gospel with the intention of sharing the message and teachings of Christ Jesus.

Many of us see our sons and daughters move away from the Catholic Church and we pray that they can find a way back. We have one very brave young man, Angelo Zidan, who heard the call from our Lord and is starting a journey to help bring young people back to the church, to spread the word, to evangelize.



# ANGELO ZIDAN'S STORY

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"Growing up, I was the typical Christian boy who would serve in the altar on Sundays but my relationship with God was nothing more than me holding a candle. I never understood the true meaning of what Jesus had done for me and never had experienced God's full and unconditional love. I understood God as someone who was in the sky and in order to receive any kind of love from him, I would have to live a perfect life, one with no sin and never fail, or else bad things would happen to me.

As I got older, I started to fall away from the church and I reached a point in my life where I was lost. I remember walking up and down the halls of Mount Royal University where all the school clubs were and asking God "I want to join something that will help

me make more friends but also help me get closer to you." All of a sudden I walked up to a random table, at least I thought it was random, God had led me to Catholic Christian Outreach. I signed up for the first faith study and since then I've continued to grow in faith and in friendship.

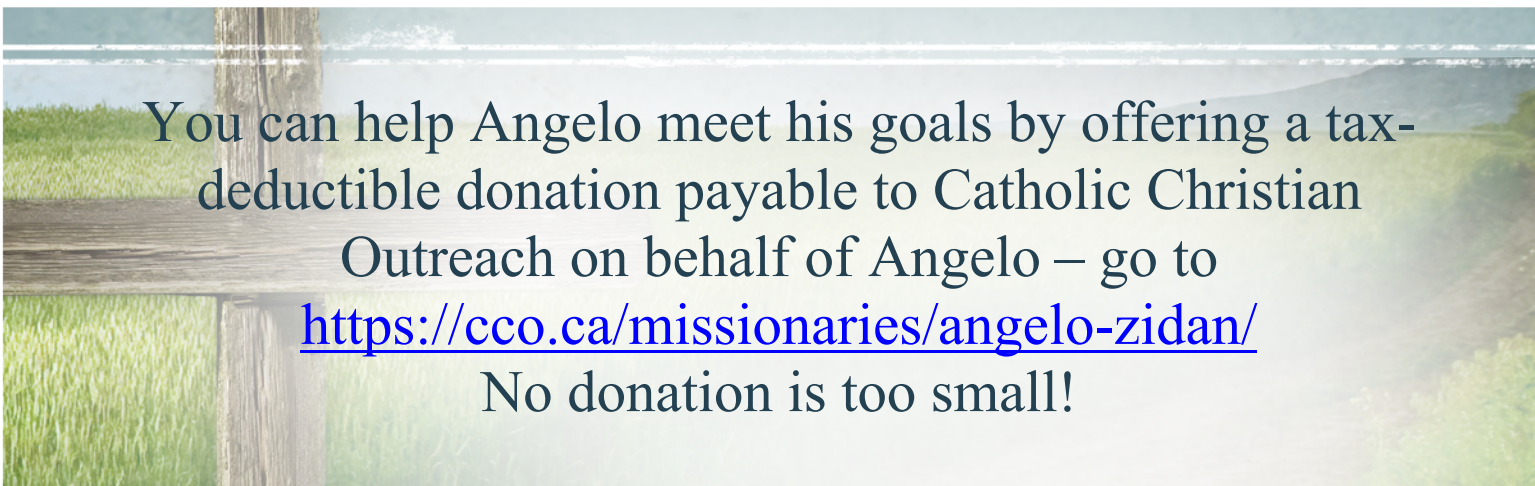
In April 2019 I made the conscious decision to invite Jesus into the centre of my life and started living my life within the Catholic Church. I continue to grow in my faith every day."

Angelo recently graduated with a Business degree from Mount Royal University. He likes participating in sports and activities where he can build relationships with his peers. Angelo also attended several activities with St. Stephen's Youth group.

You might not know Angelo, **yet**, but you would know his parents Samer and Skia Zidan. You might see them volunteering at St Stephen's events, attending 8:30 Liturgy, or during our monthly UCWLC meetings where Skia is the Treasurer.

Angelo's journey will continue with Catholic Christian Outreach where he will be attending the University of Saskatchewan working as a fulltime missionary. His goal is to bring young people back to the Catholic Church, to evangelize.

In order to accomplish this goal, Angelo needs to raise enough financial support to cover the yearlong costs of essentials such as food, shelter, and costs of activities that will involve the University of Saskatchewan students.



You can help Angelo meet his goals by offering a tax-deductible donation payable to Catholic Christian Outreach on behalf of Angelo – go to

<https://cco.ca/missionaries/angelo-zidan/>

No donation is too small!

## YOU CAN HELP

Angelo asks for your prayers so that he can continue to preach the gospel and help students develop a personal relationship with God. You can meet this dynamic young man, before he leaves for Saskatchewan, each Sunday after St Stephen's 10:30 liturgy until August 8, 2021

Alternatively, reach out to Angelo at **403-608-9817** or by email [angelo.zidan@cco.ca](mailto:angelo.zidan@cco.ca) to hear his story and offer support for his journey.

May the Lord Bless you Angelo as you endeavor to share the message of our Catholic Church and the teaching of Jesus Christ!

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## MEET ANGELO



**Angelo at Our Church**



**Angelo's Family**



**Angelo and Friends  
Reaching out to  
University Students to  
Join Faith Study**