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## DISCIPLESHIP, A NEW FAMILY TRADITION

Do you ever wonder what happens to students after they attend a NET retreat? What sort of impact does an encounter with the Lord have on their lives, their families, and their friends?

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### It's the first time I actually prayed

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In May, we received this from a student after a NET retreat. Countless young people tell NET teams they haven't prayed before their retreat; they often also express that they're not sure if they believe God is real.

These missionaries go out with a distinct mission in mind: to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. They give retreats almost on a daily basis, building personal relationships with the students and provide them with an opportunity to encounter our living God in prayer time. Prayer is central to a NET team. Their mission flows out of their personal prayer life; they frequently receive the sacraments and as a team they pray together daily.

Meet the Bentler family. A family creating counter-cultural traditions because they were impacted by young missionaries following God's will for their lives and serving as a NET missionary for a year.

Siblings Christianne (Team 2) and Matthew Bentler (Team 3) current NET missionaries, already recognise the prayer routine from the modelling of their parents. The Bentlers' parents, Kevin and Annette Bentler, are NET USA Alumni! Their parents both served as missionaries, in the early 1990s.

The formation that Kevin and Annette received has been handed down to their children, and they both agree that NET provides excellent formation for any current or future vocation. Together they incorporate many of the skills and practices that they learned in team life into their marriage and family life: "One of the most valued skills learned on NET and used daily in our family are conflict resolution and forgiveness. We learned to reach out to others and make them feel welcome. We learned to love the Mass, the Sacraments, and the Catholic Church."

All year, NET Canada missionaries learn how to have healthy relationships, how to manage conflict, how to love one another sacrificially and how to work as a team. The youth that will be interacting with the missionaries will see and hear them pray, and they will hear them share their life stories in a vulnerable way. Experiencing the joy of these young Catholic men and women has a huge effect on the youth. More young people's lives are going to change – because you actively support the NET Canada missionaries. Your support trains the missionaries in faith formation and gives them the tools to go out and share how Jesus has changed their lives.

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**Jesus teaches us  
that the Good News,  
which he brings, is not  
reserved to one part  
of humanity, it is to  
be communicated to  
everyone.** — Pope Francis

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It goes without saying Kevin and Annette Bentler are thrilled to discover that their yes to the Lord's call to do NET is now repeated in the lives of their two oldest children. They know this year will have a significant impact on Matthew and Christianne's Christian lives and the Catholic church.

Your generosity to NET Canada makes stories like the Bentler's possible. Thank you for your support and prayers and for being active in the mission of evangelisation. This is just one example of how your support not only makes an impact now, but provides the foundation for countless lives and stories for generations to come. 🙏



## Team 6 – Local Team School Board Ministry

Vancouver, BC

### Back Row (L–R)

Daniel Perera (Dartmouth, NS),  
Devin Gras (St. Mary's, ON),  
Jonathan Crespo (Stouffville, ON)

### Front Row (L–R)

Angela Merkosky (Edmonton, AB),  
Suzette Doiron (Winnipeg, MB),  
Theresa Chevarie (Stratford, PEI),  
Caelestia Hu (Markham, ON)



## Vancouver Staff

### Back Row (L–R)

Joe Vogel,  
Executive Director, Western  
Relations

Mikenzie Kinahan,  
Western team supervisor

Travis Snider,  
Western Outreach



### Front Row (L–R)

Nicholas Fillion,  
Western team supervisor

Emma Bergeron,  
Western Outreach

Jean-Paul de Fleuriot,  
Western Program coordinator,  
School board coordinator

## Youth Ministry Team

Divine Infant, Ottawa, ON

Jacob Douglas and Alisa Valks,  
Youth ministers

### DIVINE INFANT UPDATE

This year the team will be running confirmation retreats, engaging in school outreach, and focusing on intentional discipleship of the youth they minister too. The junior youth group will be having lively discussions on the foundations of the Catholic faith and the senior youth will be digging into Life, Love and theology of the Body!

*"It is not enough for young people to be loved — they must know that they are loved." — St. John Bosco*





# Meet the 2017–18 teams!

## Team 1 – National Team

### Back Row (L–R)

Vincent Dubé (Winnipeg, MB),  
Josh Doucette (Alfred, ON), Alex  
Ducharme (Essex, ON), Jason  
Baillargeon (Saskatoon, SK), Patrick  
Davis (Grand Prairie, AB)

### Middle Row (L–R)

Fernanda Cano (Bridgewater, NS),  
Sarah Douglas (Langley, BC), Alexia  
Flores (Saskatoon, SK), Maria Rose  
Moyse (Ottawa, ON)

### Front Row (L–R)

Anna Vail (Charlottetown, PEI), Evelyn  
Calzavara (Abbotsford, BC), Carlee  
Whelan (London, ON)



### Travel Route by diocese

Toronto  
London  
St. Catherine  
Peterborough  
Montréal  
Kingston  
Pembroke  
Ottawa  
St. Boniface  
Keewatin Le Pas  
Prince Albert  
Edmonton  
Grouard McLennan  
Northern  
Edmonton  
Calgary

### WANT A NET CANADA RETREAT IN YOUR SCHOOL OR PARISH?

Contact Mike at [schedule@netcanada.ca](mailto:schedule@netcanada.ca) for more information! Or call us toll-free at 1.877.521.4426.

## Team 2 – National Team

### Back Row (L–R)

Daniel Brown (Charlottetown, PEI),  
Zachary Bedard (Powassan, ON),  
Jacob Brown (Halifax, NS), Shay  
Francis (Swift Current, SK)

### Middle Row (L–R)

Christianne Bentler (Saskatoon, SK),  
Laura Runstedler (St. Clements, ON),  
Presley Bonnar (Bitten Lake, AB),  
Steffy Matthew (Ottawa, ON)

### Front Row (L–R)

Shannon Moran (Bowmanville, ON),  
Chelsey Stasuik (Cold Lake, AB),  
Emma Schroeder (Marshall, MN)



### Travel Route by diocese

Ottawa  
North Bay  
Thunder Bay  
Winnipeg  
Regina  
Saskatoon  
St. Paul  
Kamloops  
Ottawa  
London  
Toronto  
Saint John  
Halifax  
Newfoundland  
Antigonish  
Charlottetown  
Sault Ste Marie  
Toronto  
London





## Team 3 – Local Team Parish Ministry

Summerside, PEI

### Back Row (L–R)

Elton Jarvis (Fort McMurray, AB), Matthew Bentler (Saskatoon, SK), Jacob Runstedler (Listowel, ON)

### Front Row (L–R)

Gloria Nikolic (Winnipeg, MB), Ambekr Vandermeer (Woodstock, ON), Emily Elsenheimer (Grand Prairie, AB), Catherine Shortell (Belleville, ON)

## Team 4 – Local Team Parish Ministry

Fort McMurray, AB

### Back Row (L–R)

Brian Krammer (Langley, BC), Luke Runstedler (Listowel, ON), Sam Vail (Charlottetown, PEI)

### Front Row (L–R)

Emma Hamm (Daysland, AB), Julianna Squires (Surrey, BC), Leigh Duckworth (Dorchester, ON), Victoria Bredfeldt (Carlton Place, ON)



## Team 5 – Local Team School Board Ministry

Christ the Redeemer School Board  
Okotoks, AB

### Back Row (L–R)

Kelsy Gamache (Stettler, AB), Avery Burrowes (Ottawa, ON), Ben van den Bosch (Red Deer, AB)

### Front Row (L–R)

Andrea Sidloski (Weyburn, SK), Lyndsey Swoluk (Thunder Bay, ON), Kristen Scott (Clyde River, PEI), Danielle Godin (Westlock, AB)



### ARE YOU BETWEEN 18–30 AND READY TO **DO SOMETHING AMAZING?**

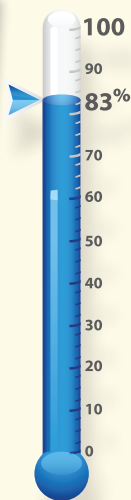
Become a NET Missionary and you can be part of a team of dynamic young Catholics sharing your faith across Canada! Applications for 2017–18 are available! Email Julia at [recruit@netcanada.ca](mailto:recruit@netcanada.ca) to request your application!





## @NETCANADA

Follow the teams as they travel the country sharing the Gospel! Visit [netcanada.ca](http://netcanada.ca) to read our blog or follow us on social media!



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

NET Canada missionaries rely on your generosity. In addition to giving a year of their lives, team members are each asked to raise \$6500, one-third of the cost of NET's mission. So far, our 51 missionaries have only reached 83% of this year's goal. Will you join with them in the critical work of bringing youth to Christ across the country?

**Total partnership needs:** \$350,700

**Total partnership raised:** \$290,000

## LEAVING YOUR LEGACY FOR THE CATHOLIC YOUTH OF CANADA

Estate planning is good stewardship of your life's work.

Planning ahead provides the opportunity to ensure that you will be remembered for what you lived.

Having provided for your loved ones, you can then make arrangements for

the things that you are most passionate about.

Making a bequest in your Will, to NET Canada, is a simple way to leave your legacy for the Catholic youth of Canada.

Contact:  
[heather@netcanada.ca](mailto:heather@netcanada.ca)

\*Always consult a qualified income tax accountant and/or estate lawyer before planning your gift.

# YES!

## I WANT TO HELP RENEW THE FAITH OF CATHOLIC YOUTH!

### STEP 1: (check one)

- ☐ Monthly gift (starting: ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> or ☐ 15<sup>th</sup> of the month)  
☐ One-time gift

### STEP 2: (amount)

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 3: (method of payment)

- ☐ Cheque, payable to NET Canada (**Void cheque needed for monthly gifts**)  
☐ Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex

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