

A VOCATIONAL TRAINING GROUND

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In a joyful moment found among these challenging times, NET Canada was thrilled recently to join two of our alumni as they celebrated profound moments in their life. This summer, Father Marcus Schonnop was ordained to the priesthood and Sister Rose Clare made her final profession of vows.

There are a variety of different reasons why NET missionaries apply to serve for a year. While they all bring a desire to share their faith with young people, some desire to push themselves to spiritual growth and others are attracted to a time of intentional community living. Some others find themselves using this time of spiritual growth and witness as an opportunity to deeper discern a religious vocation.

Sr. Rose Clare was one of these last. After experiencing the beginnings of a call to religious life as a teenager, she served with NET for two years and it was during her second year of NET that the call to religious life really took shape in her heart. Fr. Marcus says that the priesthood was something that had crossed his mind before he served with NET, but he didn't understand it and struggled to see how that was a path that he could ever be happy and fulfilled down.

In a turn of events that certainly must have been providential, Fr. Marcus spent his year with NET serving a parish in central Alberta. Through this experience, he got to see a different side to the priesthood and experience the role of a

pastor in different liturgical seasons and parish life. It suddenly stopped being quite so unknown, and the fear that had been keeping him from discernment began to fade.

Sr. Rose Clare credits her years with NET with being instrumental in the deepening of her relationship with God; building a solid foundation of consistent, daily, contemplative prayer which has since become the heart of her life as a religious sister. She says it was in this daily silence that God slowly revealed to her His beautiful plan for her life and called her a religious community.

Both alumni say that



Father Marcus Schonnop (NET Canada alumnus 2010/11) was ordained to the priesthood in the Companions of the Cross community on August 15th.

they value

the experience of community life that NET offered as a means of preparing them for the religious communities that they have since entered into. For Fr. Marcus, NET was an experience of ministering as a community while Sr. Rose Clare shares that NET pushed her to grow in vulnerability in her relationships, something that she values and strives for now in her relationships with the sisters of her community.

Through your support, thousands of young people come to know Jesus Christ through our NET missionaries, and every year our NET missionaries find their own lives changed as well. For many of our alumni, a NET year is something of a training ground for their future vocation, regardless of whether God calls them to married life, single life, priesthood, or the religious life. Your support gives our missionaries the chance to grow and discern. We are so grateful that God chose our ministry to help prepare these two for His calling and are so grateful to you as well for making it possible.



Sister Rose Clare of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (née Michelle Walsh - NET Canada Alumnus 2012/13 and 2013/14) made her final profession of vows with the Queenship of Mary community on August 22nd.

MEET THE 2020-2021 TEAMS!



Team 1 - Retreat Team Whitehorse, Yukon

Back Row (L-R)

Christina Dunn (Ancaster, ON), Paul Bruneau (Coquitlam, BC), Gerard Bouwman (Abbotsford, BC), Joel Matte (Prince George, BC), Miriam Pereira (Rockland, ON)

Front Row (L-R)

Marianne Lafrance (Chatham, QC), Faith Alcantara (Mississauga, ON), Katie Jacobs (Windsor, ON)

Team 2 - Retreat Team Diocese of Prince George, BC

Back Row (L-R)

Ben Taylor (*Airdrie*, *AB*), Kyle Furedi (*Lorette*, *MB*), Samuel Brown (*Buxton*, *Australia*), Libby Kautz (*St. Malo*, *MB*)

Front Row (L-R)

Elizabeth Keogh (*Tottenham, ON*), Jaqueline Ceron (*London, ON*), Catherine Henry (*Woodstock, ON*)



Team 3 - Mission Team Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas

Back Row (L-R)

Jacob Brown (Halifax, NS), Matthew Bentler (Saskatoon, SK)

Front Row (L-R)

Fernanda Cano (Bridgewater, NS), Maria Altamirano (North Vancouver, BC)

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Team 4 - Stoney Creek, ON Immaculate Heart of Mary

Back Row (L-R)

Pierre Caron (London, ON), Peter Roddis (Abbotsford, BC), Kyle Abrahamse (Whitby, ON), Emily Shortell (Belleville, ON)

Front Row (L-R)

Abbygail MacDonald (*Halifax*, *NS*), Marinna Fillion (*Tache*, *MB*), Amber Laybolt (*Charlottetown*, *PEI*)

Team 5 - Brooklin, ON St. Leo the Great Parish

Back Row (L-R)

Ben Pruner (Ashton, ON), Anthony Beltrame (Langley, BC), Matthias Steiner (Fraser Lake, BC), Brittney Grimard (Chilliwack, BC)

Front Row (L-R)

Monica Palacios (London, ON), Maria Van Vugt (Langley, BC), Theresa Henry (Woodstock, ON)



Team 6 - School Ministry Fraser Valley, BC

Back Row (L-R)

Maximillian Longworth (Woodstock, ON), Noah Runstedler (Listowel, ON), Fanny Matte (Bourget, ON)

Front Row (L-R)

Mikèla Lemiuex (Monkland, ON), Renske de Greeuw (The Netherlands), Mandy Paul (Calgary, AB)





Ottawa Ministry - Divine Infant Parish Hunter Langill & Helena Wong

Team 7 - Vancouver, BC

Back Row (L-R)

Thomas Cheeseman (Morell, PE), Cameron Schieman (Ottawa, ON), Michael Porta (London, ON), Analiza Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)

Front Row (L-R)

Pia Ocenar (Calgary, AB), Louise Lapain (Essex, ON), Celia McCormick (Woodstock, ON)



Ottawa Ministry - Annunciation of Our Lord

Alex Ducharme & Julianna Squires

ADJUSTING TO THE NEW NORMAL

With COVID-19, NET Canada has made many adjustments to adapt our ministry. Following provincial and federal health guidelines, we are coming up with new and exciting ways to carry out our mission to bring youth closer to Christ, while keeping them and our missionaries safe. Safety is our number one priority. We will continue to adapt our youth programs as needed as the year continues. Please keep us, our missionaries & the youth they will meet in your prayers.

WANT TO DO SOME-**THING AMAZING?**

Do you want to grow in your faith? Are you willing to share your story? Would you like to change the lives of youth in Canada next year? Request an application to become a NET missionary. Contact Julia or visit netcanada.ca/apply for more info!





WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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NET Canada relies on your generosity. In addition to giving a year of their lives, team members are asked to collectively raise about one-third of the cost of NET's mission each year. So far, our 46 missionaries have only reached 59% of this year's goal. Will you join them in the critical work of bringing youth to Christ across the country?





We've moved to online ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit netcanada.ca to read our blog or follow us on social media











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