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MEET NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PIERRE O'REILLY

A NEW SEASON FOR NET CANADA

Exciting news swept into the NET office this spring as Pierre O'Reilly was hired as the new Executive Director of NET Canada. The timing couldn't have been more perfect as Easter approached. Just as Christ's Resurrection brings new life and new hope into our parched hearts, NET Canada's anticipation was satiated with the knowledge that coming into our 25th year, God had revitalizing things in store for us. Pierre, his wife Laura, and 4 of his 6 children will move to Ottawa this summer as he begins his new role on July 1st.



Raised in Moose Jaw, SK, Pierre shared with us that his faith really didn't mean much to him until he started going to university and hanging out with young Catholics from CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach). *"I wasn't serious about the faith as I was having too much fun living the college life."* Pierre found that there was something about these people that was attractive, in the same way many often do when they encounter a NET Canada missionary.

"They had genuine lasting happiness that, when I was real with myself, I didn't have. It was something I wanted but didn't know what 'it' was, or how to get 'it'." Through the

promptings of the Holy Spirit, Pierre discovered it was a relationship with God that was missing, and once he took that step toward Him, Pierre vowed that whatever God wanted, he would do. This changed everything.

"I knew that no matter what I ended up doing, I wanted others to experience the same joy of the Gospel I felt after my conversion." That led him to be involved with CCO for 10 years in its early years, both as a student and staff. Being a part of a new ministry, there were many growing pains that taught him valuable lessons in management, organizational life cycles, and the importance of excellence in ministry. Pierre's faith

and leadership skills grew by leaps and bounds and will greatly benefit him in his new role leading NET Canada.

Pierre shared, "There are very few Catholic ministries, especially in Canada, that boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel to young people." He sees young people hungering for a truth that they know exists, and hungering for a relationship with God. He continued, "NET is one of the few ministries that are willing to go out and challenge young Catholics to make that decision for Christ and His Church. There is nothing more exciting than to be a part of a ministry that can impact so many lives in such a powerful way."

Working in both faith-based and secular organizations has allowed him to understand the challenges people face in day to day life, as well as the practices and trends in the business world can be utilized in a ministry and allow it to **spread the Gospel more effectively**. He is most **excited to bring his business and entrepreneurial spirit into ministry** and looking to launch NET into the next 25 years!

Please pray for Pierre and his family as they transition to Ottawa and begin this new chapter of their lives! 🙏



Standing L-R: Ruth, Pierre, Nick; Seated L-R: Emma, Isabelle, Caleb, Laura, Maria

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One girl who we met in January travelled over 10 hours to come to our last youth night. Despite her shyness, she was quick to volunteer to share in front of everyone. She shared that when she met our team for the first time, she had been struggling to be in Church because of the association she had with her grandmother's funeral. She avoided Church because it reminded her of the pain of her loss. After meeting our team and attending our programs, she received inner healing and started to go to Mass again regularly. She then shared a poem she had written during a reflection time in the program that weekend, titled "Hope". In faith, I know that God has used my team and all the other teams on the road this year to bring about many stories like hers of conversion and hope.

— Catherine Shortell (Keewatin Le-Pas)

YOUR IMPACT

in 2018-2019

"We started Alpha in Summerside, PEI this past February which has been a great success! We figured running Alpha in a church basement may not be comfortable for those who weren't necessarily into their faith, so a vibrant atmosphere for our venue was a priority. We used a local coffee shop downtown called Samuel's, which provided a welcoming environment with a great ambience! 25-30 youth consistently attended — 12 of them were youth volunteers and about 5 non-practicing Christians! Running Alpha gave our young leaders the opportunity to step up, and our nights are almost entirely lead by our youth leaders! By the grace of God, Alpha can keep going, even without NET team's presence! It's been a blessing to see these young leaders leading their peers into an encounter with Christ."

— Daniel Perera, Team 5



At one of our retreats, we had commitment stations during prayer where students are given an opportunity to commit their lives to Christ. We started with two stations, but as soon as we started, 20 youth came so we had to create more! We even had to extend the time of prayer so we could pray with all the youth. We were running out of time so some of the youth started to form a little prayer circle of their own. Out of the 70 youth, around 65 of them said the prayer and gave their lives to Christ!

— Vincent Dubé (Team 2)

During the year, I developed a very close friendship with one of the young men. We were very similar so we bonded straight away. He was raised protestant, but he was just developing his relationship with Jesus, and he didn't know where he belonged. He came to every single one of our events, and he would hang out with me and the guys on the weekend. He came to me and told me that he wanted to become Catholic, and he is now being taught by our local Priest and will make his confirmation next Easter. I am so thankful that I got to walk with him and see him grow in his faith but also as a man.

— Adam Burke (PEI)



Travel routes for 2019–2020



TEAM 1

Timmins, ON
Sault Ste Marie, ON
Sudbury, ON
Thunder Bay, ON
Winnipeg, MB
St. Paul, AB

Pembroke, ON
Prince George, BC
Edmonton, AB
Vancouver, BC

Calgary, AB: Holy Spirit School District (Taber, AB)
Edmonton, AB
Grouard-McLennan, AB
Vancouver, BC
Nelson, BC



TEAM 2

Hamilton, ON
London, ON
Halifax–
Yarmouth, NS
PEI
Kingston, ON
North Bay, ON
Peterborough, ON
Toronto, ON

Ottawa, ON
London, ON
Toronto, ON (2)
Montreal, QC
Saint John, NB
Newfoundland
Ottawa, ON
London, ON

BOOK A TEAM TODAY!

Don't see your diocese on the list?
Contact schedule@netcanada.ca!
We can come to you!

Team 2 still has open dates from
February 8th – 15th and May 17th – 21st,
for Central/Southern Ontario!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Commissioning Mass September 29th, 2019

Join us as we commission our new 2019–2020 missionaries, before they set out on the road evangelizing the youth of Canada!

Location: Notre Dame Cathedral

Time: 7 pm

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Follow the teams as they travel the country sharing the Gospel! Visit netcanada.ca to read our blog or follow us on social media!



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