







It has been a year since you made it possible for us to move from Ottawa to Vancouver, BC. And they made it!

Do you remember the story of the Vogel and De Fleuriot families' trek across Canada? A journey of four brave staff members, two spouses, nine children and all their belongings, resulted in the epic arrival and opening of the NET Canada western office.

Much more has happened than the unpacking of boxes; this move has galvanised NET Canada's 2020 Strategic Plan! The goal? As always: to bring youth to Christ. The Western Office's role is to help provide more local opportunities for youth to meet Jesus out west. In the last mission year (2016-17), NET's national teams ministered to over 2,400 young people in BC and Alberta; almost half being in the Vancouver Archdiocese. You made this possible!

Local teams were stationed in Fort Mc-Murray and Calgary and this year the western office has added a local team to work in the BC Lower Mainland, All of this will help increase the number of

HOW YOUR GENEROSITY IS MAKING young olics being

invited to love Christ and em-

brace the life of the Church in western Canada.

Here are two quotes from Grade 7 retreatants in Vancouver alone:

"I am so grateful for everything He has [given] us. I feel like the missing part of me is complete. I learned that God is always with me and He always loves me. I feel happy and safe with God." -Kirsten

"I feel closer to God because I learned more about the gifts of God and now I'm ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation" - Isaiah

BC and Alberta continue to see how God is moving through NET, including Vancouver's Archbishop Michael

Miller who said. "We want to help others grow closer to Jesus by fostering personal encounters with Christ and promoting discipleship paths. NET Canada is perfectly placed to help us do that...' Executive Director, Joe Vogel is confident that

the Lord will continue to bless their efforts. "School administrators in Calgary and the BC Lower Mainland have a profound heart for evangelisation. Now that NET has 'boots on the ground' with local staff and teams, we can serve and support the needs of Western youth ministry more effectively."

Clayton Imoo, Associate director of ministries and outreach in the Vancouver diocese shares, "They've already been active in schools, parish youth ministry, and archdiocesan gatherings. I pray that more people young and old alike - will be touched by their witness, their stories, and their ministry. The young men and women of NET are wonderful witnesses Christ and our Catholic faith.".

You make this vital mission possible! Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and support! We will say it again: NET missionaries give by going - you go by giving. We cannot thank you enough for the impact you are having. You have made a difference in this critical step for NET Canada, and - one young person at a time together we will bring the Good News to Canada's young people! 🔏



# Dominion from Sea to Sea Canada's motto — Jesus' teaching

YOU and I as members of the church, are followers. We are missionary because we enable young adults to spend a year proclaiming the good news to thousands of young people across Canada. If you look at the map in this newsletter, you will see where the missionaries are speaking to young people. You and I are following in the footsteps of our Christian ancestors like St. Isaac Jogues and St. Jean de Brébeuf, who were some of the first missionaries in Canada some 400 years ago.

The missionaries live a life steeped in prayer. They pray a minimum of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours every day (personally, as a team and with the youth) and they call on the saints for their help. I encourage you to join them in prayer by praying for more people to change their hearts and live a life dedicated to Jesus' teachings. In this way, you are also a key part of evangelising both the young adults on the teams as well as all the youth they are speaking to.

You are bringing hope and encouragement to internet infused youth from Victoria, British Columbia out east to St. John's, Newfoundland and up north to Fort Good Hope in the Northwest Territories. From sea to sea, you are actively making disciples of all nations, as Jesus begs us to do. In a two month period, the two travelling teams alone hosted 55 retreats, where 3,551 youth participated! These are numbers that you can be proud of, thank you!

At the end of every retreat that the missionaries give, each youth is challenged to put their faith into action by living out their faith on a daily basis by praying often, making other Christian friends, doing acts of service and by frequently receiving the sacraments. By encouraging the youth to take up these new habits, you and I are creating the next generation of apostles.

Thank you for your tireless commitment to renewing the world and changing hearts one young person at a time.

# YOU ARE MADE TO

# #60missionaries | #dosomethingamazing



#### **WE'RE GROWING!**

In the 2018–19 mission year, we will be growing from 50 to 60 missionaries.

#### IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE 60

Are you called to a mission year? Discover more at a DSA retreat near you. Register for your retreat at dsa.netcanada.ca

#### **2018 DSA RETREAT DATES**

OTTAWA JAN 26–27
VANCOUVER FEB 2–3
LONDON FEB 9–10
SASKATOON FEB 16–17
CALGARY FEB 16–17
WINNIPEG FEB 23–26
HALIFAX MAR 3–4
TORONTO MAR 2–3

Contact Julia, Sam or Imelda – recruit@netcanada.ca

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### 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 Penney, heather@netcanada.ca

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O Monthly gift (starting: O 1st or O 15th of the month)

O One-time gift

STEP 2: (amount)

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