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Thanks to your ongoing support, young people across Canada are still being given opportunities to encounter the person of Jesus Christ! Jesus wants to move in the hearts of each one of us, and we hope these stories of lives being touched fill you with hope that keeps you warm this winter. Here are a few of our current missionaries describing moments that they've witnessed over the past few months:

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As our team has begun to adjust to the Yukon lifestyle, we have encountered some difficulties as the pace of ministry quickens. But even in difficulties, God has continued to bring forth many blessings for which we are very grateful. Many of these blessings were evident during the final parts of our retreats for the grade 12 and grade 8 students at the school. On both retreats, many students began the day seeming disengaged in the retreat. However, over the course of the time we spent with them, a lot of the youth became more receptive to what we were sharing with them. Then, after we had an opportunity to pray with each student, many of them wanted to commit their lives to Christ that day! Praise God! We know the road ahead will have some bumps as well, but we can trust that God will always see us through to the end by walking with us and gracing us with unexpected blessings.

> - Michael Stupecki, Diocese of Whitehorse Team

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During a youth evening program, a youth shared with us his life story, which included a lot of hardships from a very early age. Through all of this, it was really impressive how he found faith and trusted in God even amidst all the suffering he had endured. However, this night, in particular, God desired to give him more. We prayed over him for inner healing, and in particular, for a lot of family wounds in his life. The Lord poured out his love over him that night and healed so many places in this young man's heart that were previously hurting, replacing them with His own love. Many lies were brought to the light for this youth and God revealed His healing love to defeat those lies. The vouth's newly-experienced freedom after the prayer was a sight to see.

- Jordan Louise, Archdiocese of Keewatin Le Pas Team

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Throughout our first few days of ministry, our team was helping to run an after-school program that had been moved to the church foyer. At this program, we had a smaller group of youth that showed up with their hoods on, responding quickly to questions to avoid further conversation and not willingly wanting to participate in activities. At the start of the night, I found it incredibly difficult to see God working through us and our presence there; however, we continued to intentionally form relationships with the youth, asking them about their interests, hobbies, friends, etc. When the program ended, I noticed that the tough shells that these youth had walked in with were slowly but surely starting to crack. As our days in this community came to an end I took a step back and realized that every single participant in this after-school program had not only showed up almost every day but was also so open to talking with the team and seemed to be enjoying themselves. I truly felt God's presence and came to the conclusion that His will and His way is the perfect one.

- Jaqueline Ceron, Archdiocese of Keewatin Le Pas Team

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The financial information included in this annual report is an excerpt of the June 30, 2021 financial statements and our audit report dated September 25, 2021 by Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP.

Today I was asked to supervise a group of grade 6 students and to bring them to the parish's adoration chapel. None of them had been to adoration before, so I told them some ways they could pray in front of the Eucharist. I recommended that they talk to Jesus about their day and their struggles, and that they rest in His presence. We prayed for about 20 minutes and I was impressed with their attentiveness! Afterward, I asked if any of them had felt the presence of God. Most of them said yes, and one girl, in particular, seemed quite surprised. She said, "I literally felt a presence! I'm not a Catholic but I felt a presence near me. That's the first time I've ever felt that." It's amazing what God can do through adoration!

- John Martin St Anthony Parish Team, Vancouver BC





A GLIMPSE INTO DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

This past month, we have been focusing on relational ministry. Simply put, this is establishing relationships with the students so that we can build trust. Our team has started leading small group sessions in grade nine religion classes, guided by the Alpha program. It is encouraging to see students have some very real, serious questions about life and God. So far this year our main focus has just been intentionally getting to know the students and really investing in them! Every person desires to be seen, known, and loved, and each student has their own story; things that they love and things that they struggle with. We want to know them and we hope that through building genuine relationships, we can help lead them to the ultimate good, which is Christ.

Before class started in one grade eleven religion class, I was chatting with a girl who unexpectedly opened up to me about the struggles that she was going through and the pressure she was feeling from different sources in her life. I listened, asked questions, and asked if I could pray for her. **Even though she is not Christian, she told me that I could.** A lot of the youth at these schools are under a tremendous amount of pressure; many just want someone to talk to, and to have that person really listen. That is what our ministry looks like right now; just being there for the youth. Some of the students have never known or trusted someone who is Catholic before, and so by building trust through relational ministry we are able to bring them one step closer to knowing Christ.





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