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Calling All Young Adults to Community and Mission!



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Remember the moment when you first knew in the depths of your heart that God loved you? Remember your joy, peace, and desire for others you cared about to experience

it, too? I'm encouraged by stories of many young adults who've had such experiences through Brew City Catholic: our archdiocese's initiative to reach young adults, invite them to encounter Jesus, help them grow as disciples in his Church, and send them to reach others.

Jesus was often found among fishermen and tax collectors in the places they commonly frequented. Brew City Catholic partners with our parishes' Catholic young adult groups to offer Theology on Tap — an opportunity for young adults who might not be comfortable coming to church to gather in pubs, get to know their local Catholic young adult community, and hear Jesus' message of mercy. Young adults drawn to the beauty of Lake Michigan for the Brew City Catholic Cruise are met by Catholic young adult groups from around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Large crowds gathered to listen to Jesus. Brew City Catholic co-sponsors Encounter MKE, the largest of only four Steubenville Young Adult Conferences nationwide, at which 700+ young adults encounter Jesus through engaging



speakers, prayer with music, Eucharistic adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Jesus invited those who became his disciples to follow him. In addition to the many formation and service opportunities offered through our CYA groups, Brew City Catholic sponsors Pilgrimages of Mercy. This summer, pilgrims travel to our sister parish in the Dominican Republic, to Pope Francis' World Youth Day in Poland, and walk from St. Francis de Sales Seminary to Holy Hill. Young men discerning

diocesan priesthood live in community at the St. John Paul II House of Discernment at St. Robert Parish, Shorewood where

150+ young adults also gather every Wednesday to grow as disciples through prayer and community at Cor Jesu.

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he commissioned the disciples to go and make disciples.

Brew City Catholic trains young adult leaders to accompany individuals on their journeys of discipleship and facilitate intentional discipleship small groups.

Theology on Tap July 11 - Aug. 4
Brew City Catholic Cruise Aug. 11
Encounter MKE Nov. 12

For more info on archdiocesan young adult events and groups, or to receive email updates, visit www.brewcitycatholic.com

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Reaching Out, One Gathering at a Time

There is no doubt that young adults play a huge role in the liveliness of the Catholic Church. At the 2013 World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis' message to the three million pilgrims gathered was "Go, do not be afraid, and serve." In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, many young adults in Church ministry are taking that message to heart.

Emily Burds is Director of Evangelization for her home parish, the Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee. A Marquette University graduate with a degree in theology, Emily has the responsibility to provide fun, faith-filled opportunities for the young adult community.

Building connections, sharing faith opportunities

"Millennials crave purpose and a sense of belonging in a culture that so often offers shallow meaning and false connections," she explained. "We have found the best approach to reach young adults has been to provide opportunities for authentic community. We host a monthly gathering at a local bar where a team of young adults welcome participants, offer them a free drink, and facilitate connections to other young adults and to the larger Catholic community."

During those nights, the team offers a brief, relevant, "seeker-friendly" message followed by informal discussion time, according to Emily.

"Our team intentionally reaches out to all who come, whether that be through a smile, a handshake, or setting up a future coffee date to share about the faith. These experiences become bridges to real friendships, parish participation, and genuine conversion of heart," she added.

"We're all here for one purpose"

Anthony Mensah just finished his first year at the American University in Washington, D.C. and feels a calling to help others experience service outside of their community. After attending a mission trip to La Sagrada Familia, the archdiocesan sister parish in the Dominican Republic, he knew that he had to try to get others involved.

"After my exposure to Parroquia La Sagrada Familia, I wanted to provide an opportunity for more young people to go to the Dominican Republic and experience some of the things I had experienced," he said. With help from key leaders

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◀ Anthony Mensah



▲ Emily Burds

◀ Carrie Schanen



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in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Anthony helped organize the overseas young adult mission trip, “Global Mission Encounter,” which took place June 25 – July 1, 2016.

“My idea had expanded into a full fledged, city-wide young adult mission trip, which also serves as a revival of the youth mission trips that used to happen yearly. I think it is all very incredible,” he continued. “What strikes me the most is just the wide range of young people who are coming together to travel, experience and serve.

“Although we all come from different and diverse backgrounds, we’re all here for one purpose,” he added.

Carrie Schanen echoes Anthony’s thoughts. Carrie graduated from Lakeland College, Sheboygan with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, and today works at Best Version Media as the Market Development Director. Carrie, her husband Dominic, and their five children belong to St. Joseph Parish, Big Bend, where she volunteers by training future leaders for their Catholic ID small groups. In addition, she also serves as a liaison for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council.

Although busy juggling both career and family, Carrie finds it equally important to spend time serving proclaiming the Gospel and forming disciples any way possible.

“I feel that the way we live and do our best to just be good people can be such a simple testament to living a life with Christ,” she reflected. “My goal in life is to live in such a way that others look and say, ‘I don’t know what that is, or what’s going on, but whatever she’s got, I want it.’”

“I remember a while back someone told me, ‘There are many seasons in your life and some things you are only meant to do for a season before needing to move on or being called out. Service to the Lord, however, is the only thing you never get to retire from,’” Carrie added.

Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

(Adapted for Younger People)

O Powerful God,

We praise you and thank you for you are good.
We pray that the Holy Spirit may fill our hearts with love, and teach us to be more like you.

Help us to teach others about your Son, Jesus, and especially about his death and resurrection.

Help us follow you wherever we may go.

Give us the courage to help build your home in the world now, as we prepare to live in your Kingdom forever.

In this Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we ask you for strength to follow you and to teach more people about you.

As we continue on our Catholic journey, guide us to increase our faith in you, and give us the courage to ask for your forgiveness when we have sinned against you.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Adapted by Cade, Cassie, Ezra, Isaac – 8th graders at Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School 2015

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The Brew City Catholic College Missionary Project forms and sends recent college graduates to make disciples on local college campuses. Fifty-five young adults completed our Climb Young Adult Catholic Leaders Retreat and 75+ participated in our Theology on Tap Core Team Training.

Through Brew City Catholic, young adults have embraced our archdiocese’s three priorities: Living their Catholic Identity

in community, doing the work of Evangelization by inviting others to encounter Christ, and making it happen through faithful Stewardship of their gifts.

By the way, if you’re not sure you’ve had that moment of knowing that God loves you, or if you know a young adult who needs one, know that Brew City Catholic is here to help you connect with the Catholic young adult community and events near you.

¡Llamando a todos los adultos jóvenes a conectarse con la comunidad y la misión!



Arzobispo
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¿Recuerdan el momento cuando ustedes por primera vez reconocieron en la profundidad de sus corazones que Dios les amaba? ¿Recuerdan cómo ustedes deseaban que los demás

también pudieran experimentar esa alegría, paz y deseo? Me entusiasma escuchar las historias de muchos adultos jóvenes quienes han vivido ese tipo de experiencias a través de Brew City Catholic, nuestra iniciativa arquidiocesana para llegar a los adultos jóvenes, invitándoles a que tengan un encuentro con Jesús, ayudándoles a crecer como discípulos en su Iglesia y enviándoles ir a otros. ¡Si ustedes tienen entre 18-39 años o conocen a alguien que tenga esta edad, Brew City Catholic es para ustedes!

Jesús a menudo se encontraba entre pescadores y publicanos en los lugares donde ellos frecuentaban. Brew City Catholic colabora con grupos parroquiales de adultos jóvenes para ofrecer Theology on Tap – una oportunidad para aquellos adultos jóvenes que tal vez no se sientan cómodos asistiendo a la Iglesia, quienes se reúnen en tabernas para conocer su comunidad local de adultos jóvenes católicos, y escuchar el mensaje misericordioso de Jesús. Muchos adultos jóvenes, atraídos por la belleza del Lago Michigan, participan en el Crucero de Brew City en el cual conocen a otros grupos de adultos jóvenes de toda la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee.

Grandes multitudes se reunían a



escuchar a Jesús. Brew City Catholic copatrocina Encounter MKE, la más grande de las cuatro conferencias ofrecidas por Steubenville Young Adult a nivel nacional, en la cual más de 700 adultos jóvenes encuentran a Jesús a través de expositores dinámicos, alabanzas, adoración Eucarística y el sacramento de la reconciliación.

Jesús invitaba a sus discípulos a que lo siguieran. A demás de las muchas oportunidades de formación y servicio ofrecidos a través de nuestros grupos de adultos jóvenes católicos, Brew City Catholic auspicia las Peregrinaciones de Misericordia. Este verano, una variedad de peregrinos viajarán a nuestra parroquia hermana en la República Dominicana, así como la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Polonia del Papa Francisco, y una caminata del Seminario St. Francis de Sales a Holy Hill. Un grupo de hombres jóvenes que se encuentran discerniendo el sacerdocio diocesano viven en comunidad en St. John Paul II House of Discernment en la Parroquia de St. Robert en Shorewood, en la cual también se reúnen más de 150 adultos jóvenes todos los miércoles para crecer como discípulos a través de la oración y compartiendo en comunidad en Cor Jesu.

Antes de ascender al cielo Jesús,

comisionó a los discípulos para ir y hacer discípulos. Brew City Catholic entrena a adultos jóvenes líderes para acompañar a personas en su camino de discipulado y facilitar grupos pequeños de discipulado intencional. El proyecto conocido como Brew City Catholic College Missionary Project forma y envía egresados de la universidad para formar discípulos en las universidades dentro de la arquidiócesis. Cincuenta y cinco adultos jóvenes terminaron nuestro retiro Climb Young Adults Catholic Leaders y más de 75 participaron en nuestro entrenamiento Theology on Tap Core Team Training.

A través de Brew City Catholic, los adultos jóvenes han adoptado nuestras tres prioridades arquidiocesanas: viviendo su identidad católica en comunidad, haciendo el trabajo de evangelización al invitar a otros a encontrar a Cristo, y tomando acción al compartir fielmente sus dones.

Por cierto, si no estás seguro de haber vivido aún ese momento en el que reconoces que Dios te ama, o si conoces a un adulto joven que necesita experimentarlo, sepan que Brew City Catholic está aquí para ayudarles a conectarse con la comunidad de adultos jóvenes católicos y los eventos que se ofrecen.