

# VISION

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MEET THE

# KAUTZ FAMILY

**Two years ago, the CSE welcomed the arrival of a new expression of its charism: the Missionary Family. Chris and Danielle Kirpluk and their four children blessed the CSE community with their work and presence over two years.**

Last August, we welcomed the Kautz family as the second chapter in the Missionary Family apostolate! James and Dawn, and their seven kids: Libby, Julie, Ella, Abby, Michael, Benny and Andrew (and number 8 on the way!) have rented out their Saint Boniface home, making the CSE their home for the next year. We sat down with Dawn and Libby, their eldest daughter, to discover how they have found their Missionary Family experience so far.

When this opportunity came to Dawn's attention, "it felt like God had a plan to bring our family together, and to give us rest and cohesiveness." As the eldest of the family, Libby (18), had been at the CSE at least once per month in the year prior, and actually found herself dreaming about what it would be like for this to become her family's home: "When I first heard the idea, my first thought was 'that's crazy!,' and my second thought was 'that would be awesome!'. The more I thought about it," she continued, "the more I thought about how much the CSE already felt like home." Dawn concurred, adding,

"There is a sense of coming home when we come to the CSE."

"I've found God working in my life just in our short time here," shared Libby. "He's helping me grow. Already, I've opened up to my mom about things that I've kept hidden for years. I didn't expect to open up about those things for a long time, and I was so happy that I could. When we arrived," continued Libby, "I had already been growing in my personal prayer: I was writing in my journal - I call my journal entries my love letters to Jesus. Now, through my time here, it's grown even more. Now my prayer isn't just writing in a journal and going to bed. I take time to listen to God's word and to experience other prayers."

We were chatting in the CSE's dining room, surrounded by the lingering memories of countless friendships created around the camp dinner table. Looking around, Libby reflected on the importance of the CSE's mission: "So many people pass through here. You look around this room and you have no idea all the things that have happened here. Countless lives have been touched. The CSE plants so many seeds in

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peoples' hearts. It changes them. It helps them grow and opens their mind. It's crazy to think of all that this place can do for people, through its mission and through everyone's prayer."

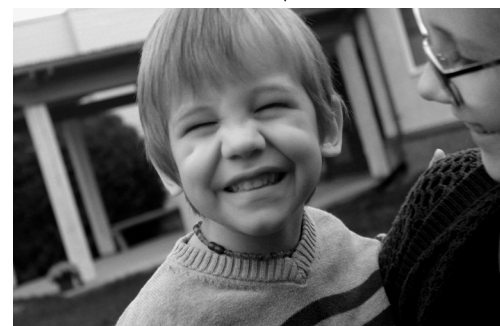
In reflecting on their discernment process in applying to become the CSE's next Missionary Family, Dawn recalls "a really big shift when we started to actively seek God's will both as a family and as a couple. We'd done that before we got married, and then again when we chose the school the kids would go to. But then we kind of took over. We pulled all that control back from God and became the drivers in every decision, and I think that is what caused a lot of the stress we were experiencing. And then when it came to this idea, we knew it required conscious discernment. So we discerned as a couple, and it was amazing to see how fast the pieces fell into place. When God wants you to do something that is maybe a little crazy, things tend to fall into place. Now, as we move forward and things come up, we don't always know the answer, but we seek to find God in every situation. This experience has opened me up to be more open to God's will in our lives."

As for Andrew (3), their youngest, "He loves being here!" chuckled Dawn. "He loves all the places to run and hide, and enjoys seeing all the people who come here. He knows everyone's names, and has conversations with everyone!"

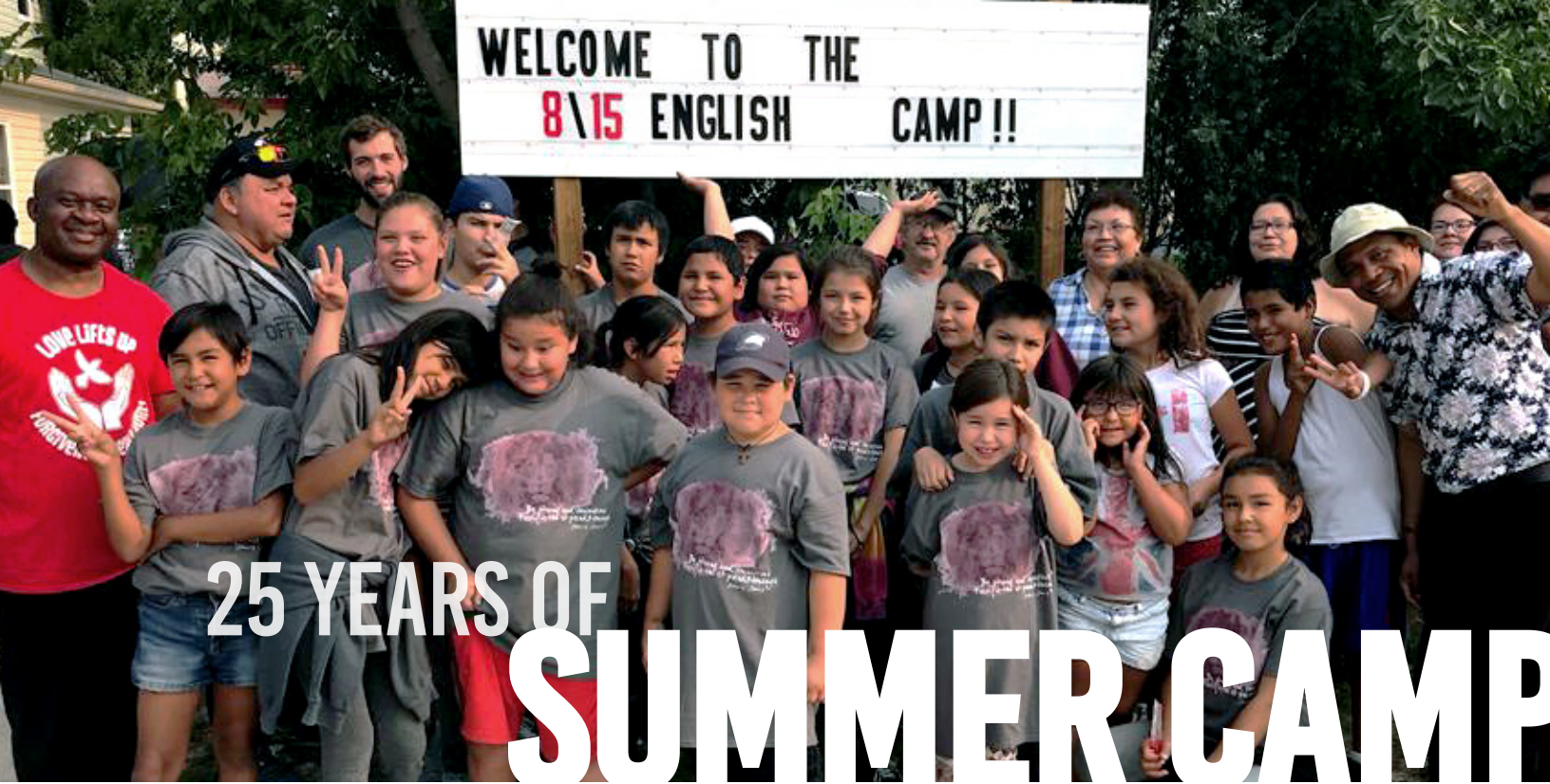
Reflecting on what they have received so far, Dawn shared that "this experience is teaching me how to do little things with great love. There is a lot of opportunity for that here. Even just tending to my family or picking up after them, I can offer all that up for the people coming here. During our family prayer time, we can also pray for the groups and for the people who have been through here, and especially for those who have strayed from their faith".

Dawn understands their role as "being a model of a family to those who come through here. It's to be an example. This is not, however, to be the model of a perfect family. We have lots of issues going on. It's to be an example of how to live in this world as a family, and how to roll with the punches that are sent your way."

For Libby, "the fact that this place is able to do so much for so many people, and that it's also done so much in my life, really makes it important for me that it keeps going. The more people it reaches out to and transforms, the more they, too, go out and spread God's love. This place goes well beyond just the building. We've had kids come from far away to attend camp here, and they go home and tell people about it, and how God touched them." ✝







**Every camp gives us so many reasons to rejoice, and the 2018 summer camp season was no exception! Every camp, we get to see the Lord transforming the lives of hundreds of young people. This summer, though, we had a few more reasons to celebrate than usual!**

First, we celebrated our 25th summer of camps. Twenty-five years of high-quality camp programming. Twenty-five years of young people bearing witness to others of the love, mercy, and freedom they have found in Jesus. Twenty-five years of transformations in the lives of so many young people.

Also, our 276 summer camp participants represented a whopping 26% increase in campership from our 2017 summer season! This reminds us of the importance of our work. Although society is changing at an alarming pace, Catholic camp ministry remains – and may be even more than ever – an invaluable experience for each young person.

A portion of that increase was twenty-seven campers from Sagkeeng First Nation. Last year, the Lord led us to Fr. Augustine Ezediniru, Pastor serving the Parish of St. Alexander. Fr. Augustine dreamt of offering the young people in his community a Catholic

summer experience. We committed to doing everything we could to bring his dream to reality.

According to Fr. Augustine: “It was a really awesome experience for them. When they came back home, they were so full of energy and excitement. They really enjoyed the program,” he continued. “They talked about all the friendships they created and all the games they played with people from other communities. They made so many friends!”

He shared that since returning from camps, many young people in his community have started to pray at home: “What you taught them was so very good. This was a renewal of their baptism, an enlightenment in their faith.”

Camp is a warm, welcoming and inclusive place for every child, which means our groups become a mosaic of young people coming from diverse cultural and social backgrounds. Fr. Augustine shared with us that the campers from his community “were able to make friends without any prejudice. They belonged.” For him, this was “a sign of growth. We may not yet fully understand what the word ‘reconciliation’ means, but at camp, these young people experienced

it. They created relationships and they built a bridge.”

According to Fr. Augustine, they “want to come back to winter camps! They want to re-experience what they were given during their summer camp: the friendship and prayer and the coming together. That experience meant a lot for them.”

He also wanted to be sure to “express gratitude to those who donated to make this possible.” Having heard of the financial need, one of our supporters contacted a number of her friends, and raised enough money to pay for this group’s transportation to camp. She even had enough left over to pay for a couple kids’ registrations. We really do have the best supporters!

As with every camp, we concluded this week with Mass, which Fr. Augustine celebrated. He felt edified and inspired by his experience: “I saw my parishioners coming to read, holding hands with other kids, singing the camp theme song. I was so very delighted.” He was pleased to see that these kids “returned home feeling spiritually fed and physically taken care of,” a quality, which according to Fr. Augustine, “really makes this camp different. They were able to nourish both body and soul.” ✠

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**F**rom a young age, Maryse Chartier has been a part of the CSE. Today, she remains involved in the mission and work of the CSE as a camp counselor, Board member, Camp Advisory Committee member, and translator. Her devotion to youth ministry at the CSE earned her the “Volunteer of the Year” award for 2018. We chatted with Maryse to discover what motivates her to give so much of herself to the CSE’s mission.

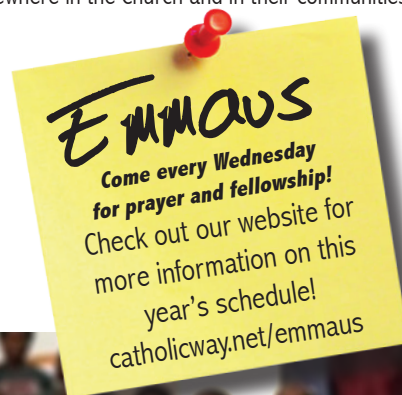
For Maryse, the gift of her time and talent is her way of “giving back what I have received. It is enriching for me to give of my time to create relationships with others. Sometimes, all people need is for someone to listen to them or to smile at them to carry out small transformations in their life. The CSE’s mission is deeply steeped in these relationships.”

Her volunteer involvements with different CSE apostolates are a source of hope for Maryse, allowing her to see God act in concrete ways. Her involvement is important to her “because human relationship is borne out of human contact. We can pour all the money in the world into a certain project, but without human contact, without people feeling recognized for who they are, knowing that someone is there for them, we miss

the boat. We were created for relationship, so the work accomplished at the CSE corresponds to our most fundamental need.”

Maryse sees her volunteer involvement with the CSE as a concrete way to respond to the call of missionary-disciples: “it is a way of experiencing the Church outside of the normal parish environment. Investing in human relationships is what will allow each person to advance towards a deeper understanding of Christ and also allow for the love of Christ to radiate across the world.”

The CSE’s mission is very important to Maryse because for her, it is “an important player in the universal Church’s efforts in youth ministry. I have noticed a recurring theme: young people who come through the CSE remain active today in their parish, and elsewhere in the Church and in their communities.”



# EVENTS CALENDAR



## 2019 DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Looking for guidance on making big or small life decisions and following God’s plan for you? Want to discover the beauty in all vocations? Open to all young adults between the ages of 17 and 35. More information: [kevin@catholicway.net](mailto:kevin@catholicway.net). Investment: \$50.



## 2019 WINTER CAMPS

WEEKENDS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Amazing weekend camps in January and February for all kids aged 8 to 17! Camp fires, snowshoeing, winter fun, small groups, prayer, and more! Register today! More information: [catholicway.net/winter-camps](http://catholicway.net/winter-camps). Registration: [stmlocamps.net](http://stmlocamps.net).



## VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> TO APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Daily meditations, by members of our local Church, will help guide you through the high holy season of Lent, from the comfort of your own home! Be part of this online retreat here: [cseledenretreat.wordpress.com](http://cseledenretreat.wordpress.com).



## TRIDUUM RETREAT

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> TO APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

Join us for this meaningful retreat. You’ll celebrate the mysteries of the Triduum in a small community setting, delving deeply into the mysteries of Christ’s death and resurrection. More information: [anita@catholicway.net](mailto:anita@catholicway.net).



## MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Girls only! This will be a beautiful weekend retreat for mothers and daughters of all generations! Bonding, prayer, and loads of fun will have you going all weekend! More information: [anita@catholicway.net](mailto:anita@catholicway.net).



## FATHER-SON RETREAT

MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019

Open to all fathers and sons! Camp fires, crazy games, prayer and so much more! Promises to be an amazing weekend! Stay tuned as more details for this exciting event will be published shortly! More information: [anita@catholicway.net](mailto:anita@catholicway.net).



## 2019 SUMMER CAMPS

WEEK-LONG CAMPS FOR KIDS AGES 5 TO 17 IN JULY AND AUGUST

Come and have a blast with us! Canoeing, archery, mountain biking, camp fires, music, swimming at the beach, and so much more!! Camps available in English and in French for kids aged 5 to 17. More information: [catholicway.net/summer-camps](http://catholicway.net/summer-camps).

## Conference on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

- For all Church leadership, staff and volunteers -

SATURDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

Be a part of this one of a kind opportunity to hear first-hand about the results of the Synod of Bishops in Rome! Our conference speakers, **Bishop Lionel Gendron** (Synod Father and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops), and **Miss Emilie Callan** (Synod Auditor), will share from their own experience as members of the Synod of Bishops. They will journey with us to see how this Synod of Bishops invites our Church in Manitoba to grow in our work and ministry with young people. This day-long conference will offer a time for reflection, prayer, and also for small group discussions, inviting participants to network and discern together where God is calling local initiatives to grow and continue to serve young people. This exciting conference is **open to everyone**. For more information: Kevin Prada, [kevin@catholicway.net](mailto:kevin@catholicway.net). 204-347-5396, [events.catholicway.net](http://events.catholicway.net). This conference is presented by the Catholic School of Evangelization, and is sponsored by the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and Saint-Boniface.





# A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

**"Love turns work into rest."**

*St. Teresa of Avila*

I have had the privilege in my time at the CSE to stand on the shoulders of giants – those who have worked tirelessly and gone before us to pave the path and start the work of evangelization through what we now call the Catholic School of Evangelization. We have come to the point in our history where some of those who were the founders of the CSE are passing away, this past year alone we have lost two of them – Mr. André Robin and Sr. Thérèse André, SJSH.

Whenever I face a challenge and am tempted to give up, I am reminded of the many challenges these two faced at the beginning of their work. Both worked so passionately in order to see the Catholic School

of Evangelization come into being. Even long after stepping down from the board, André still called to check in and ask for newsletters that he could share with those he would meet. Even though Sr. Thérèse moved back to her community in Quebec a number of years ago, through yearly visits from our staff she still shared and was invested in our mission. I think that André and Sr. Thérèse are still advocating on our behalf as part of the Church Triumphant!

It is because of the passion these people shared and the work that they have put into the CSE – as well as your passion and service, that we are able to continue the work we are now doing. Thank you for helping to fuel our passion, and may you rest in peace André and Sr. Thérèse. ✠



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## CAROLINA HOFFMANN

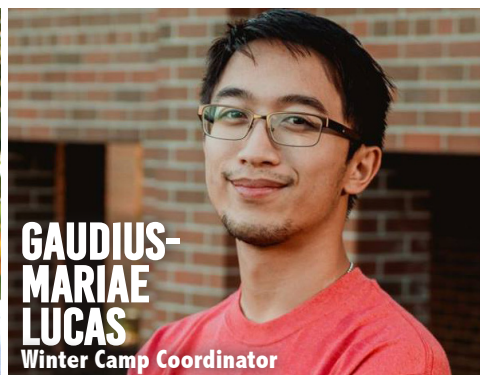
**In August, we welcomed Carolina to the CSE Team as Administrative Assistant. A wonderful addition to the team, Carolina is the friendly voice who answers the phone, she takes care of CSE's books, and she also manages rental requests. Welcome to the team, Carolina!**

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"Born and raised in Germany, I was 14 years old when I immigrated to Canada. After finishing High School and achieving a diploma in bookkeeping, I began my work in an office environment. In the span of over seven years, I have accumulated the necessary assets and attributes to tackle the work as Administrative Assistant at the CSE! My experience here has been amazing. It has shown me how much can be done for young people in the name of Christ and how to help them get closer to understanding their faith. It has also helped me get closer to my faith." ✠

THE REST OF OUR TEAM



**KEVIN PRADA**  
Associate Director



**GAUDIUS-MARIAE LUCAS**  
Winter Camp Coordinator



**\*Save the Date!**  
→ CSE Annual Banquet

ENJOY A GREAT MEAL  
AND SUPPORT THE CSE

**When?:** Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Where?:** Hall of Sts-Martyrs-  
Canadiens Parish (289 Dussault Ave.)

*Please contact the  
CSE for more info!*

## \*IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM:

**T**he Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) Board of Directors and staff wish to reaffirm their continued commitment - since the CSE's foundation in 1992 - to protect and nurture every young person, volunteer, and participant entrusted to the CSE's various ministries.

The CSE and its Camps abide by strict Safe Environment Policies that go beyond the requirements of local archdioceses, the Manitoba Camping Association, and the Province of Manitoba, all of which the CSE and its Camps are accountable to. To review the policies, please visit [www.catholicway.net/policies](http://www.catholicway.net/policies). Further inquiries may be directed to [admin@catholicway.net](mailto:admin@catholicway.net), (204) 347-5396.

## WISH LIST

**The CSE is in need of the following gently used items! If you are interested in donating any of these, please email [kevin@catholicway.net](mailto:kevin@catholicway.net). Tax receipts may be issued for in-kind donations.**

- Letter, Legal, Tabloid sized paper
- 4-slice toasters
- Dehumidifiers
- Shop Vac
- Tuyau d'arrosage pour le jardin
- Papier hygiénique
- Tondeuse
- Snow blower
- LCD projector
- Plastic Folding Tables
- Vacuum
- Minivan
- Pews
- Ladder
- Rolling dish cart
- High Efficiency Toilet





Adam, Gillian, and their four kids  
Jacob, Cohen, Emika and Asher

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**There is a community behind the CSE's mission of evangelization: people - like you - who give generously of their time, talents, and treasure to help invite young people to know and follow Jesus. Your gift bears fruit in the lives of many young people – who need it so much. Thank you.**

We sat down with Adam and Gillian Moore, monthly supporters, to find out why they have chosen to invest in our mission in this way.

Both Adam and Gillian got involved with the CSE many years ago, through our summer camp program. For Gillian, "the core mission of the CSE is so simple. It is pure. There is a freedom to evangelize in whichever way it is needed at any given time." Reflecting on the evolution of the CSE's programs through these last 26 years, Gillian feels its flexibility allows it to minister "wherever there is need, in a unique way. (The CSE is)

able to meet people where they need to be met."

"I truly believe the CSE is doing God's work," added Adam. "By giving to the CSE, we are giving back to God some of what he has given us." For Gillian, "we are giving to an organization that uses good stewardship. When I think of all the places we could donate to, who spread the Good News locally, the CSE is a no-brainer choice. I see an effort, at the CSE, to put that money to use directly in evangelization. There isn't waste."

The Moores' support goes even further than their financial contributions. Their family is regularly part of our camp programs and retreats. When asked about these experiences, Gillian shared that her family is "in a season of life where Christian community can be hard to come by. We are so busy raising children. Being able to go to the REVIVE retreats has been a huge blessing of living Christian community in a very tangible way. It always is very edifying and affirming."

Although their presence is a wonderful gift to retreatants, Gillian sees how her family has also

benefited: "Our time at the CSE as a family, reminds me that we are not just living a normal, day-to-day marriage, but that we are living a Catholic marriage, and that is unique. Our call to witness is unique. (At camp), I am reminded of what it means to always put God first in my life, every day." Adam, an engineer, added: "People commend me for taking a week off from work to be part of camp. They thank me for doing that for the CSE. But for me, what better way to spend the time I have off with my family than to be surrounded by God and God's love every day at the CSE."

"(The CSE has) got to stick around for my grandkids to go to camp", Gillian added, with a grin. She sees the CSE as "a humble, service-oriented community." Likewise, Adam believes that "through what I have seen, personally, and also through what I have heard about all the people they have impacted, that the CSE is doing God's will here on earth, particularly by touching the hearts of young people, some who may not otherwise have that opportunity." ✂

## YES! I WOULD LIKE TO PARTNER IN THE CSE'S IMPORTANT WORK!

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☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$200   ☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please enclose a cheque payable to "CSE" or fill in your credit card information below)

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☐ \$15   ☐ \$25   ☐ \$50   ☐ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3** I would like to donate from my:  
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☐ My credit card: ☐ Visa   ☐ Mastercard  
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