

Fall 2017:
SPECIAL 25th
anniversary edition



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of the
catholic school
of evangelization

Picture: DFP Team May 1996. Left to Right: Nadine Lamoureux, Anita Vander Aa, Michelle Coyne, Christophe Maguet and Jean Lafrance.

An Experience **LIFE** That Changed My

Obinna Chigbo, Camp Counsellor, Summer 2017

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Working as a counsellor at the St. Malo Catholic Camps this past summer was an experience that changed my life.

I learned so many beneficial skills through the intense training process, and through the camp program itself. For example, I learnt how to deal with unexpected changes, how to work better with others, how to better lead a group, and how to be a positive role model not only to campers, but also to other counsellors and staff.

It's so important for us counsellors to continue our work here at camps, doing the very best job we can.

Our leadership and companionship have such a strong impact on each camper.

This past summer I saw many campers being transformed from being shy, uninvolved, and non-talkative at the beginning of their camp to joyful, excited, and chatty campers by the end. I also saw those who knew very little about prayer and the Catholic faith blossom into informed, interested friends of Christ at the end.

This summer, I witnessed each and every one of our campers grow closer to Christ and to each other during their camp experience. Helping build those connections was my favourite part of camps this summer. ✠

← Obinna Chigbo





DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELIZATION,

You are celebrating the 25th anniversary of your apostolate! Congratulations! Thanks be to God! The dream of the CSE founders has come to fruition, this dream of having a place to gather the many groups focusing on Spirit-filled evangelization and faith formation. Their goal was to reach out to everyone, but especially to youth and young adults, in order to create faithful disciples and fervent missionaries.

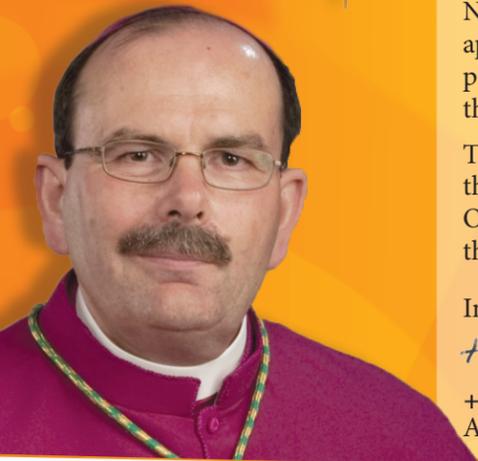
Now, after 25 years, the harvest is plentiful! Through diverse programming and evolving approaches, the CSE has successfully created a large community of determined and courageous people who thirst to share the Good News of the Gospel, as well as the truth and wisdom of the Catholic Church.

This community of people, families, and groups is such a precious asset at the centre of life in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. I pray that God would continue to abundantly bless the CSE! Our lives will be enriched by the grace of knowing and living in the love of God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Spirit. ✠

In prayer,

+ Albert LeGatt

+Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of St. Boniface



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

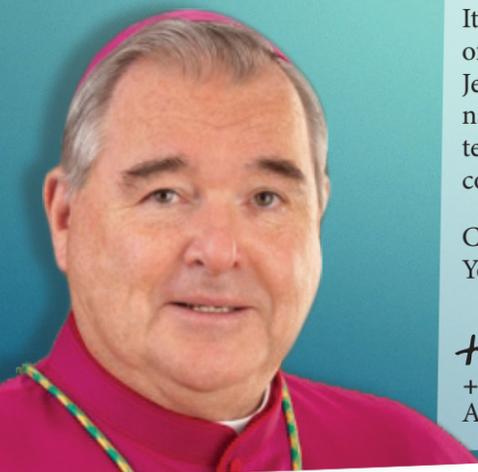
I write to you in order to bring greetings on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Catholic School of Evangelization. This is an important milestone for the CSE and we in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg are very grateful for the dedication that has enabled this school of Evangelization to continue its ministry for the past 25 years.

It is encouraging to know that the important responsibility to embark upon a New Evangelization of traditionally Christian cultures, finds a practical application through the work of the CSE. Jesus instructed his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew to: "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19-20) It is in obeying this commandment of Jesus that the Catholic School of Evangelization has borne good fruit. ✠

Congratulations and blessings,
Yours in Christ

+ Richard Gagnon

+Richard Gagnon
Archbishop of Winnipeg



THE NEED FOR EVANGELIZATION IS PARAMOUNT now more than ever. In a world where our faith is being challenged, it is crucial that we provide direction, hope and leadership to the next generation.

The CSE has played an important role in providing my own children not only with a solid foundation, but also with a faith community. I have seen many fruits borne in my children as they have grown up and developed as leaders in their own communities, thanks to their participation at CSE events and programs.

I became involved on the Board of Directors of the CSE to provide my support in making sure this important resource continues to grow. I am excited for the future of the CSE, and for a renewed enthusiasm of its staff ardently sharing the Good News. My hope is that the Lord continues to bless many more families through our programs and activities for many years to come. ✠

-George Gervais

Chair of the Catholic School of Evangelization Board of Directors



Our Experiences at Camps!

Hi Everyone! Our names are Jeremiah, Charity and Thomas, and we would love to share our experience at the St. Malo Catholic Camps this summer, which we have attended yearly since 8 years old. Here are some things we all have ultimately enjoyed. The prayer times, both personal and as a group, have helped us find our place in the world and in God's eyes. Camps has been a great opportunity to learn to love people and God!

"I, Charity (10), very much enjoyed the activities they have prepared for us. Last year, I got to do canoeing, archery and biking. My personal favorite was canoeing"

"I, Jeremiah (12), highly appreciated the dedication and hard work of the staff and counsellors. They prepared cool games and are always there for encouragement and listening to your thoughts and concerns. My counsellor even turned a fire alarm at midnight (don't worry it was a false alarm!) into fun"

"I, Thomas (9), loved the songs and music, especially the yearly theme songs. I loved dancing to them and praising God through song. I loved the choice and variety of picked music"



Save the Date!
**Retreat dates on page 6

EMMAUS
Come for prayer and fellowship!
Check out our website for more information on this year's schedule!
catholicway.net/emmaus

CSE Annual Banquet
Come have a great meal and support the CSE!
When?: Friday April 20th, 2018
Where?: Hall of Sts-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish (289 Dussault Ave.)
Please contact the CSE for more info!

CSE Awareness Supper
Thursday February 22nd, 2018
Come enjoy this great meal, at the hall of St. Charles Parish (320 St-Charles St.). Get to know the amazing things going on at the CSE! Gifted speaker, Nic Davidson, will be our keynote speaker. He was sent to us by Fr. Mike Schmitz! You won't want to miss this!
Great opportunity to get to know the CSE and to meet some great people!

Winter Camps!
Don't miss out! 2018 Winter camp dates are now available online! Winter camps are weekend camp programs for kids between 8 and 17 years old. Winter games, camp fires, music, sports, and so much more!
Register online and get more info:
www.catholicway.net/winter-camps

Support the CSE at the Co-op
Contribute your Red River Co-Op gas or grocery refunds to the CSE by using the number below at the till!
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Supporter Appreciation Event
We sincerely wish to thank all our donors and volunteers who give so generously of themselves to the ministries of the CSE!
Date and Location TBD



The CSE: 1990's to today

How this all came to be...

1990's to today! Historical Timeline

1991



GILBERT VIELFAURE RECEIVES THE CALLING TO BRING A BIBLE SCHOOL TO MANITOBA. HE APPROACHES HIS GRACE, ANTOINE HACAULT, WHO GIVES FORMAL APPROVAL ON AUGUST 21ST, 1991.



OPENING OF CSE WITH ARMAND LAING AS DIRECTOR. FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS COME TO BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELIZATION.



1993
GILBERT VIELFAURE NAMED DIRECTOR (1993-2005) AFTER HAVING SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"The vision of the CSE was clear to us from the very beginning. The school was to be a place where young people could come to encounter Christ in a personal way, and learn the riches of the Catholic faith, in complete faithfulness to our Church's teachings. This original vision has never changed. Through the years, the fruits of this apostolate have been evident in the lives of those who have experienced the various programs offered at the CSE.

We, as a society, have been sacramentalized, but not evangelized. As St. John Paul II has stated: evangelization is our priority. The CSE has been a fresh breath of renewed faith for so many. I have no doubt it will continue to be on the cutting edge of proclaiming Christ in new and creative ways to all who encounter it."

-Gilbert Vielfaure
Founder, Executive Director 1993-2005

March 5th, 1992

THE FILLES DE LA CROIX COMMUNITY DONATES THEIR ST. MALO CONVENT (BUILT IN 1905 TO RUN CATECHISM CLASSES) TO THE CSE. RENOVATIONS BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.



July 1993

GOOD NEWS BIBLE CAMPS BEGIN. THIS FIRST SUMMER OF CAMPS CONSISTED OF 2 WEEK-LONG CAMPS WITH A TOTAL OF ABOUT 50 KIDS.



April 1994

J.O.L.T (JESUS OUR LORD TODAY), MONTHLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERING, BEGINS.



August 1997



"VOIX DE FOI" FRENCH CHRISTIAN MUSIC RADIO PROGRAM ON ENVOI 91.1 FM BEGINS.



September 2004

BEGINNING OF DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION PROGRAM I AND II.

September 2005

CHAD VINCENT AFTER SERVING A NUMBER OF YEARS AS A STAFF MEMBER WITH THE DFP PROGRAM, CHAD IS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CSE (2005-'08).



May 2008



JUDE GOSSELIN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2008-'09) AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH CAMPS AND ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"The Lord was at work in many ways during my short time as Director. There are many instances where I was surprised by Providence. I was surprised when I set out to Saskatchewan and came back with four recruits for the Catholic Outreach Team. I was surprised when an unexpected donation would balance the books.

I trust that the CSE will continue to minister to young people through camps. It is where I started. My camp experiences still shape me today. I hope that one day, my children will experience the Joy of the Lord at camp."

-Jude Gosselin
Executive Director 2008-'09

September 2010



CHAD VINCENT RETURNS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2010-'12).



August 2012
ANITA VANDER AA NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2012-PRESENT)

"When I sit down and think about how much the CSE has evolved over the past 25 years, I am blown away by what God has done through and with the many people who have come through these doors. Each person has left their own impression here, and has added to the fabric of what makes the CSE what it is. Each Director has built upon the work of the previous Directors and propelled the CSE forward in its mission. I am blessed and humbled to count myself among them.

Recently, the staff of the CSE enjoyed three days of retreat led by Brother Stephen Glodek, SM. Bro. Stephen challenged and encouraged us to examine our mission - to see how it defines what we do, and to set priorities for the continued growth of our apostolate. In this, our 25th year, I look forward to that continued growth, and would like to invite all of you to share in our renewed mission. There are many ways in which you can be involved in the exciting journey that God has put before us. Don't hesitate to contact us and find out how!"

-Anita Vander Aa
Current CSE Executive Director

September 2016



FIRST HOST FAMILY, (CHRIS, DANIELLE, SAM, VIOLET, EVE AND MAX KIRPLUK) MOVES INTO THE CSE.

25 ans
years
1992-2017

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September 2008

CATHOLIC OUTREACH TEAM PROGRAM BEGINS. FIRST TEAM, WITH 7 MEMBERS, BRINGS GOOD NEWS TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH RETREAT AND RELATIONAL MINISTRY.



August 2009
CLAUDE LAGACE NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (2009-'10)

"During my tenure as Director of the CSE, I learned what it truly means to trust in Providence. With little money and resources, the CSE has grown so much over the years. Whenever it looked like we were about to hit a wall, a new door would always open.

Leading many retreats for young people, young adults, and adults who are young at heart, in a culture of faith, showed me that the future of the Church is in very good hands. I know the Lord continues to work at the CSE, evangelizing the youth of today and forming them as the leaders of tomorrow. If you can experience and take part in this culture of life that exists at the CSE, please do so, with all of your giftedness.

My experience at the CSE was one that I will always cherish in my heart. For all the people who helped me grow in my faith and in my professional life during my work there, I want to say THANK YOU"

-Claude Lagace
Executive Director 2009-'10

October 2014

NEW LOGO UNVEILED.

September 2015

NEW CSE RETREAT MINISTRY LAUNCHED, OFFERING NEW IN-HOUSE RETREATS AND FORMATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR LEADERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.



September 2017

CSE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND PUBLISHES A NEW MISSION STATEMENT TO DIRECT ITS NEXT 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY.



2017-'18 Retreat Calendar



Family Advent Retreat SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017

Join us to meditate the mysteries of the Advent season with brand new activities designed for the whole family! Open to all families! To register, call (204-347-5396) or E-mail (anita@catholicway.net).



2018 Winter Camps WEEKENDS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

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



Discernment Retreat FEBRUARY 23RD TO 25TH, 2018

Looking for guidance on making 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.



Virtual Lenten Retreat FEBRUARY 14TH TO APRIL 2ND, 2018

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: cselentenretreat.wordpress.com



Triduum Retreat MARCH 29TH TO APRIL 1ST, 2018

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.



Mother-Daughter Retreat MAY 5TH TO 6TH, 2018

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!



Father-Son Retreat JUNE 1ST TO 3RD, 2018

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!



2018 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

#Giving Tuesday November 28th, 2017

This year on Giving Tuesday, the CSE is inviting you to join us, in our invaluable mission to the youth of Manitoba, by becoming a monthly giver. Monthly gifts allow us to have the stable financial support needed to bring youth to Christ. Your help is essential. Every penny is used to lead youth to Christ.

For more information on becoming a monthly donor, or to make a one-time donation, contact Stella, stella@catholicway.net, or call us: 204-347-5396!

THANK YOU!

Save the Date! CSE Awareness Dinner

WHEN? FEBRUARY 22ND, 2018
WHERE? ST-CHARLES PARISH HALL
320 ST-CHARLES ST. WINNIPEG
WHAT TO EXPECT? A TASTY DINNER IN GREAT COMPANY. COME AND GET TO KNOW THE MISSION AND CHARISM OF THE CSE, AND GET TO KNOW OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY!

Meet our Staff!



Anita Vander Aa
Executive Director
anita@catholicway.net



Kevin Prada
Associate Director
kevin@catholicway.net



Stella Dubois
Administrative Assistant
stella@catholicway.net

Special Hello from the Kirpluk Family!

It's been nearly a year since making the CSE our home. Some of the most memorable experiences have been: family prayer in the chapel, learning about different cultures in our dioceses by hosting rentals, participating in CSE retreats and camps as a family, and helping to beautify the CSE.

Sam, Violet, Eve and baby Max have enjoyed being part of the CSE family and the St. Malo community. Walks to the beach, gymnastics, and making new friends with CSE staff and with the many great people from this community have brought them much delight.

We truly see God's hand at work in leading us to this mission as Host Family, realizing that serving God in the smallest of ways is often the most fruitful, and brings opportunity for growth as a family! Most of all, we have been humbled to witness the generosity of the many souls who continue to donate their time and resources behind the scenes to make the CSE what it is today. We are honored to be serving another year as Host Family. Deo Gratias! ☩



From Left to Right: Violet, Danielle, Eve, Sam, Chris & Max.

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.

- Metal or Brick Fire Pit
- Rubberized entrance carpets
- Letter, Legal, Tabloid sized paper
- Coffee percolator
- 4-slice toasters
- Altar cloths
- Dehumidifiers
- Shop Vac
- Garden hose and trigger nozzle
- Office supplies
- Toilet paper (not gently used please!)
- Stackable Chairs
- Lawn mower
- Snow blower
- Corelle dishes
- Candles
- Craft supplies
- LCD projector
- Overhead projector
- Weed Eater
- Plastic Folding Tables



YES!

I would like to partner with the Catholic School of Evangelization in its essential mission of evangelization!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Tel. no.: _____

One time donation of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 or \$_____

Monthly donation of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 or \$_____

I would like to donate through:

My chequing account (please include a void cheque)

My credit card: Visa Mastercard

Card# _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. date: ____ / ____ Security Number: _____

I hereby authorize the Catholic School of Evangelization to make a monthly deduction from my bank account or credit card for the amount indicated above starting on the 15th of ____ mm ____ yyyy

Please correspond with me by E-mail. E-mail address: _____

Corresponding with you by email allows us to make your dollar go even further by reducing our printing and postage expenses. Thank you!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Donations of \$10 or more are tax-deductible (reg # 13441 2998 RR0001). Receipts are issued yearly by February.

I may revoke my authorization at anytime, subject to providing notice of 30 days. I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not compile with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my rights, a sample cancellation form, or for more information on my right to cancel a PAD Agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

We do not share our donor list with any other organizations.

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Catholic School of Evangelization
P.O. box 570, St-Malo, Manitoba
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OR Donate Online:
www.catholicway.net/donate

THANK YOU!



Activities Report

2016-2017



**“WE ARE
leaders IN THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION. WE INVITE YOUNG PEOPLE
TO *know* AND *follow* Jesus.”**

WE LEAD A TOTAL OF
10 Retreats AT THE CSE

248 campers
ATTENDED SUMMER CAMP AND THE
WINTER REVIVE RETREAT

**335
participants**
ATTENDED OUR NEW RETREATS THIS YEAR

16 teens WERE PART OF OUR
COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

3 ALUMNI **married** THIS SUMMER,
3 ARE CURRENTLY IN THE **seminary**,
AND 1 HAS JOINED THE **religious life**.

47 kids
OF ALUMNI CAME TO
SUMMER CAMPS

91 HOURS PRAYED AT
Emmaus

45 staff members/volunteers
WORKED AT SUMMER CAMPS

OVER
**60 CSE
alumni**
HAVE SINCE GOTTEN
INVOLVED WITH OTHER MAJOR
NATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRIES
SUCH AS NET, CCO, FACE TO FACE, STE,
THÉRÈSE SCHOOL OF FAITH AND MISSION...