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

An Experience *That Changed My* **LIFE**

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.

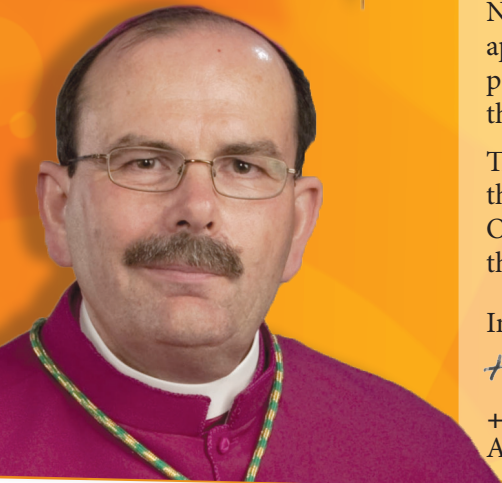
This past summer I saw many campers being transformed from being shy, uninvolved, and non-talkative at the beginning of their camp to joyful, excited, and chatty campers by the end. I also saw those who knew very little about prayer and the Catholic faith blossom into informed, interested friends of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



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1992-2017



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.

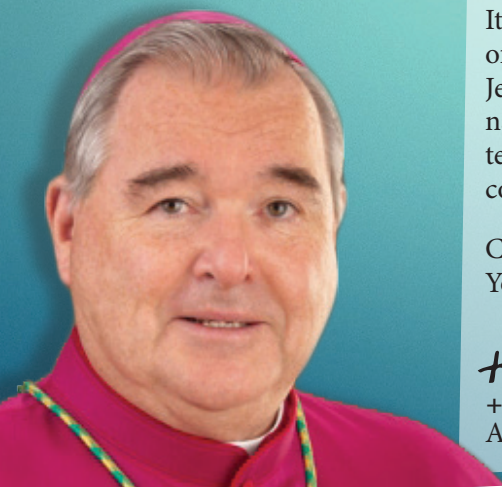
Now, after 25 years, the harvest is plentiful! Through diverse programming and evolving approaches, the CSE has successfully created a large community of determined and courageous people who thirst to share the Good News of the Gospel, as well as the truth and wisdom of the Catholic Church.

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



1990's to today!
Historical Timeline



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: _____

THANK YOU!

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

Activities Report

2016-2017



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**.

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

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...