



Virtus et Veritas Ministries
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 "Virtue Through Adventure"

Dear Friends,

September 2023

I was recently asked to speak at a regional conference regarding vocations in our Church. The theme for the conference was **"fostering the encounter"** – in other words, the reality that an encounter with Jesus is the foundation of any vocation.

It is always a delight to be asked to share about the impact that V2 Ministries is having in the lives of young men. But when I received more information about the conference and saw the theme was about **fostering the encounter**, I was blown away. I immediately recognized this language which is strikingly similar to our mission statement:

V2 Ministries cultivates authentic encounters with God & fellow man through adventure experiences and formation in virtue & truth to develop Christ-like leaders.

It's really that simple. The most important thing is to **foster the encounter** with Jesus. Everything else comes after that.

I would like to share with you Joe's story – just one example of the many encounters with God happening through V2 Ministries. Joe is a high school senior who has been involved with V2 since 7th grade. I have personally had a front row seat seeing Joe grow in his faith and leadership in remarkable ways over the years. Joe had this to share with us after camp:



Fostering the Encounter



Joe Trautman
 Senior Counselor

“ V2 Camp is unquestionably the highlight of my summer each year. For me, camp is a place where I can grow as a leader and as a Catholic young man. **This was my 5th year at camp, and I felt it was the most spiritually powerful week that I have experienced.** This year I made a decision to be more open to what God was trying to show me during camp. I was able to feel the presence of the Holy Trinity in a way that I have never felt before. V2 has been the greatest influence for me, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. ”

Thanks to your generous support, V2 is able to offer life-changing experiences for young men like Joe, taking them out of their typical routine and providing them the space – physically and mentally – to encounter God.



2018: Joe (right) carrying the flag as a first-time camper



2023: Joe (second from left) and other youth leaders with Archbishop Lucas at camp

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OVERALL V2 CAMP
EXPERIENCE
(BASED ON SURVEY
RESPONSES)

32

PARISHES
REPRESENTED
THIS SUMMER

100%

ALL SUMMER
ADVENTURES
FILLED TO CAPACITY

BY THE NUMBERS

“I felt the closest I have ever
felt with God in my life”

- High Adventure participant
(high school sophomore)

Coming off our busy summer season, I can't help but be encouraged
by the lives impacted as a result of your investment in V2 Ministries:

- The 3rd annual High Adventure provided 13 men with an unparalleled opportunity for brotherhood and deeper connection with God. With the trip at full capacity and even more interest, **next year we plan to take two or three full groups.**
- Summer camp continues to be a transformative week for all participants young and old alike, as you heard from Joe. With camper and youth leader spots completely full and having to regretfully turn some young men away, **we are bursting at the seams.**

In order to keep growing and reaching more men with the life-changing message of Virtue and Truth, we need your help.

Friends, through your support you can play a role in *fostering the encounter* with Jesus for more young men. Would you prayerfully consider a one-time or monthly sustaining gift today to fuel the important work of V2 Ministries?



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TOBY KORENSKY

Executive Director
Virtus et Veritas (V2) Ministries

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P.S. Your generosity helps young men like Joe encounter Jesus. Make an impact today by scanning the QR code to give online or enclosing your check in the return envelope provided.



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