



Virtus et Veritas Ministries
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 "Virtue Through Adventure"

Fall Newsletter

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THE EUCHARIST AND LEADERSHIP: V2 ALUMNI SENT ON MISSION

Jet's Story

As a V2 alum and volunteer, and I am honored to share with you how V2 changed my life. I first heard about V2 as a sophomore in high school when my best friend Max invited me to apply to be a counselor at camp. I had never been a camper nor was I ever involved in my faith through other ministries; it is only through the grace of God that I was selected and said yes to being a counselor! My first year at camp rocked my world as I was a 16-year-old in a position of leadership learning to put the needs of campers before my own. Moreover, the V2 community of dads, the chaplain, and other high school counselors modeled leadership to me. **Above all, it was during my first time at camp that I had a profound encounter with Christ Jesus in the Eucharist during adoration.** In adoration I was in wonder and awe, and my life changed as I grew a heart for Christ in the Eucharist.

Ever since my first experience at camp, V2 became a staple in my life. V2 equipped me during my high school years to be a leader inside and outside of camp. At the time I was practicing leadership at home with my brothers, on the football team, and with ministry at school. After high school I stayed involved with camp leadership as an adult volunteer in multiple capacities. **Truly, my involvement with V2 Ministries has made me the leader I am today.** As a former registered nurse and now a FOCUS missionary I use these leadership skills daily; I enter the mindset to be selfless and a servant, so that I may decrease and that He and others may increase.

Now as a missionary my days are grounded in and revolve around my time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **As I am now leading men to fall in love with Christ Jesus and equipping them to be leaders for others, I recognize that's exactly what V2 did for me.** V2 has truly made it possible for the Holy Spirit to spark my love for the Eucharist and equip me with the skill and art of leadership. May God continue to bless the work of V2 Ministries. AMDG!



Jet Paronable's leadership journey with V2 began in high school by serving as a Junior Counselor and Senior Counselor. As a young adult he took on Assistant Camp Director duties, and after completing his nursing degree came back to serve as Camp Nurse. Earlier this year, Jet left his job as a registered nurse to become a FOCUS missionary and currently serves at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA.

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2019: Jet, second from left, with fellow high school youth leaders.



2021: Jet leading campers in his role as Assistant Camp Director.



2023: Jet, third from left, after receiving his placement as a FOCUS missionary.

BLESSINGS ABOUND

Ministry Update from the Executive Director

You, the V2 community, are a source of abundant blessings to my own life and to the mission of V2 Ministries. It brings me great joy today to share some of the blessings you have contributed to – in the form of V2’s first-ever newsletter. In an effort to keep our community more informed and engaged, you will begin to receive these communications on a regular basis. My hope is that this consistent communication allows you to be more actively engaged in our mission, and that hearing stories and updates of the impact V2 is having, thanks to your support, will be a blessing in return to you.

First, we are blessed to announce that V2 Ministries has added its second staff member, Reggan Simons, who started in September as Adventure & Program Manager. Reggan comes to us with 10+ years’ experience at the Archdiocese of Omaha in the Family Life Office where she coordinated faith formation programs, events, and trainings supporting marriage and family life. She is thrilled to be a part of the unique mission of V2 where she can continue making a direct impact toward her passion of strengthening families and developing leaders. Reggan will play a critical role in advancing V2’s goals of offering one-of-a-kind adventure experiences and expanding the reach of our programming. Above all, she is a mother to two boys, so she knows quite well the importance of instilling ‘Virtue and Truth’ in young men in today’s culture which has a vastly different vision for boys and men.

Lastly, we are blessed by the many alumni who have been deeply impacted by their V2 experience, who open their hearts to the voice of God in their lives and embrace the call to Christ-like leadership. I urge you to read Jet’s story on the front page, which is just one example of how the Holy Spirit is using V2 to bring young men into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Because of your support, **V2 Ministries not only provides the space for young men to encounter God, but also raises them up as leaders and sends them on mission to faithfully serve Christ and His Church.**



YOURS IN CHRIST,

TOBY KORENSKY

Executive Director

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNOUNCING SUMMER ADVENTURE DATES

V2 High Adventure:

June 9-15

Location: Boundary Waters Canoe Area, MN

V2 Camp:

Week 1: July 14-20

Week 2: July 21-27



V2 WINTER ADVENTURE

December 8-10

7 PM Friday to 9 AM Sunday

Camp Carol Joy Holling

Registration closes December 1



SAVE THE DATE FOR #GIVINGTUESDAY!

Tuesday, November 28

GIVING TUESDAY