



Virtus et Veritas Ministries
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"Virtue Through Adventure"

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Patrick's Story

This summer, I was blessed to be one of the young adults chosen to travel alongside Our Lord in the Eucharist across the country as a 'Perpetual Pilgrim' in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. This two-month journey was a culminating feature of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, concluding in Indianapolis with the National Eucharistic Congress. The Pilgrimage began in May with four routes coming from the North, South, East, and West and all convening in Indianapolis in July for the Congress. While many pilgrims joined for portions of the journey (such as the stretches passing through Nebraska which some of you may have participated in), a team of 'Perpetual Pilgrims' was tasked with accompanying Jesus in the Eucharist for the entire pilgrimage. What a gift this was, to spend a summer directly serving Christ through coordinating and participating in this Eucharistic pilgrimage!

I was on the Western St. Junipero Serra route from San Francisco to Indianapolis. Our route traveled about 8,000 miles by foot, van, semi-truck, and boat with the Eucharist exposed and adored the whole journey with few exceptions. My team of 8 laypeople, priests, and seminarians went from diocese to diocese and parish to parish, relying upon the generosity of local Catholics to host, feed, and travel with us. We mostly travelled in a van which was outfitted with a tabernacle, on top of which the monstrance carrying the Eucharist could be attached. Basically, we had a mobile adoration chapel, and I became the Lord's chauffeur – or burro as I prefer to call it.

Undoubtedly, this journey had its challenges. At times, it was easy to take for granted what I was doing, to forget whom I was with. In our broken modern times, where we increasingly require immediately gratification and dopamine-inducing experiences to be pleased, the Eucharist is a presence worth grappling with. It is no wonder why a few years ago, a study found that only around a quarter of Catholics believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I pray the spirit of Eucharistic Revival would come alive in your hearts, and I invite you to consider that even your own doubts can be a pleasing offering to our Lord, for in the light of His loving presence, no struggle is ever wasted.



Patrick Fayad served as a counselor at V2 Camp in high school. He recently graduated from Benedictine College with a degree in Psychology and Theology. He is currently working as a Residential Dean and Strength Coach at St. Martin's Academy, an all-boys Catholic boarding school, where he continues his passion of mentoring young men. Patrick credits his counselor experience at V2 as playing a role in his love of the Eucharist. He still "vividly remembers being deeply inspired by the devotion with which our chaplains said Mass and the beauty of having Adoration in the barn in the evenings."

Patrick's 8,000-mile route from San Francisco to Indianapolis.



Patrick, right, as a counselor in 2019 modeling proper US flag etiquette for campers.



Patrick, right, leading the Western St. Junipero Serra route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage this summer.



Patrick, right, carrying the Eucharistic canopy at a stop in Colorado.

“ESTO VIR! – BE A MAN!”

Ministry Update from the Executive Director

In our last newsletter, I shared that V2 Ministries has begun a new strategic plan entitled Elevate Adventure. Today I am excited to share more details about this strategic plan and the vision that God has placed on my heart.

V2 Camp launched in 2015 after my heart was opened to the great need for young men and fathers to **encounter Jesus Christ personally and be formed in faith and leadership**. To accomplish this goal, it has also been my dream from the beginning to supplement camp with a year-round formation in faith and leadership which keeps young men connected in brotherhood throughout the year. But this isn't just my dream – we have received overwhelming feedback from the V2 community confirming they desire *more* for their boys. Families are looking for support through a more continuous formation for their sons that builds on and sustains what they receive through summer camp and other V2 adventures.

Thanks to the many benefactors and prayer warriors that have supported V2 since our transition to an independent and self-sustaining 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2021, we now feel equipped to embark on this ambitious vision: **to build a 'rite of passage' which forms boys into virtuous Catholic men.**

To that end, I am pleased to announce this newest V2 initiative to form young men, Esto Vir. The phrase is Latin for “Be a man” and is taken from the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá. Esto Vir began in the Diocese of Lincoln in 2019 as an outcropping of Lincoln's Leadership Camp, from which V2 also has its roots, but its impressive growth was halted due to the pandemic. Leveraging the solid foundation of Esto Vir with V2's vision to create an unparalleled opportunity for fathers to form their sons in the Catholic faith and leadership, Esto Vir is **currently launching pilot groups** in Omaha with future plans to re-establish in Lincoln.

We are working to get our website updated to reflect this new and expanded vision. If you wish to sit down together to learn more about Esto Vir and the entire strategic plan, please email us at the address below and we would be happy to discuss.



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ANNOUNCING SUMMER ADVENTURE DATES

V2 High Adventure:

June 15-21

Location:

Wind River Range, WY

V2 Camp:

Week 1: July 13-19

Week 2: July 20-26



V2 WINTER ADVENTURE

December 13-15

7 PM Friday to 9 AM Sunday

Camp Carol Joy Holling

Early bird pricing through Nov. 3



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