



Virtus et Veritas Ministries
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 "Virtue Through Adventure"

Fall Newsletter

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RAISING YOUNG MEN: PARENT SPOTLIGHT

Jason and Vanessa's Story

One of the challenges of raising children in modern culture is keeping priorities in line. **There are many things that vie for the attention of our young people** – sports, music, friends just to name a few. It was around the time that our oldest, Wyatt, was in middle school that we were feeling like things were starting to get out of order. We were concerned that if our kids were busy doing all the extracurriculars that they would lose sight of what was most important – their faith. The question that we grappled with was, "How can we impart our priority of "faith first" to our kids in the midst of them being so busy with many other things?"

When we first heard of V2, we looked into signing up our kids for the summer of 2018. That year, our son Owen was the only kid going from Norfolk. He was nervous about meeting new kids and being away for a week. We were equally nervous about sending him away for a week. We knew he was doing many fun activities, going to Confession, and participating in Eucharistic Adoration, but still wondered if he would be happy that he went or resentful for being made to go. Then on Friday of that week, we got a letter from him. We opened it and read, **"Thank you so much for sending me here. I feel like I belong."** As the weeks passed, we noticed little changes from him. He had always taken his faith seriously, but we would catch him praying on his own time. We noticed he had a prayer journal, and we would find his rosary in his pocket in the laundry.

Owen is now 20 years old and Jonah is 17. We see how strong their faith is and how they have led others in their school to live for Jesus. We see their commitment to living moral lives and their openness to a religious vocation. **V2 has truly blessed our family as a way to support our boys' faith development beyond what they receive at home.** It has given them a place to belong, learn about God, and to develop habits of prayer. They have created wonderful friendships with the guys there who encourage them to keep going deeper in their faith. We have witnessed our oldest boys being a strong witness to their younger brothers and sisters. This faith development has come from many different places, but V2 is one of the big contributors in their spiritual growth. We simply love Virtus et Veritas Ministries!



Jason and Vanessa Ash have been married for 26 years and are parents of seven, including five boys. They are parishioners at Sacred Heart in Norfolk, NE. Jason and their oldest four sons have been involved with V2 since 2018 participating in V2 Camp and weekend adventures. Jason has served as a volunteer at camp while their sons have been campers, counselors, and one as Assistant Director. They look forward to their fifth and youngest son being able to attend.



Owen as a first-time camper in 2018



The Ash Family: (back) daughter-in-law Chloe, Wyatt, Jason, Vanessa, Owen, Evelyn, Jonah, (front) Solomon, Martin, Elizabeth



Owen, Solomon, Jonah, and Jason at camp this summer.

FAREWELL FR. STACK; WELCOME FR. SCHILMOELLER

Ministry Update from the Executive Director

This summer we said goodbye to Fr. Padraic Stack, a dedicated priest and friend who was serving as the Chaplain for V2 Ministries on our Board of Directors. For those who are not aware, Fr. Stack left the Archdiocese of Omaha in July to enter into a period of discernment with the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP). We wish all the best to Father in his next adventure! Please pray for him and his discernment.

I want to take a moment to extend my deep and heartfelt gratitude for Fr. Stack. Beyond being a personal friend - we've known each other since his discernment to the priesthood as a fellow daily Mass attendee at my home parish St. Stephen the Martyr, and later serving there as his first parish assignment - Fr. Stack has played a vital role in making V2 what it is today. Father's story with V2 began as a seminarian in 2016. Since being ordained to the priesthood in 2018, he has served as a Camp chaplain, visiting confessor, and five times as High Adventure chaplain. Most notably, it was Fr. Stack who first approached me with the idea of expanding to offer the High Adventure, based on the inspiration of St. John Paul II who had an affinity for leading young people into the wilderness to encounter God. Since V2 Ministries became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 2021, it was a clear to ask Father to serve as a founding Chaplain of the Board of Directors. Fr. Padraic Stack, thank you and may God abundantly bless you in your new adventure.

At the same time, we are blessed to welcome Fr. Scott Schilmoeller as our new Chaplain of V2 Ministries Board of Directors. When Fr. Stack notified me of his departure, he gave a short list of recommended candidates to consider for this role. I am blessed to share that Fr. Schilmoeller responded *enthusiastically* when asked about the prospect of a more formal role with V2.

We are very excited to have Fr. Schilmoeller joining us on our Board of Directors. Father began getting involved with V2 three years ago when he was named the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Omaha. Since then he has served as a visiting confessor and homilist as well as serving as chaplain for our weekend adventures. Next summer, he is excited to serve for the first time as a Camp chaplain. Welcome, Fr. Scott Schilmoeller!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNOUNCING SUMMER ADVENTURE DATES

V2 High Adventure: June 14-20 Boundary Waters Canoe Area, MN	V2 Camp: Week 1: July 19-25 Week 2: July 26-Aug. 1
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FALL CAMPOUT RESCHEDULED!

November 7-9
7 PM Friday to 9 AM Sunday
Holy Family Ranch
Register by Nov. 5th



SAVE THE DATE FOR #GIVINGTUESDAY!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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