



Virtus et Veritas Ministries  
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 "Virtue Through Adventure"

# Spring Newsletter

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## VOCATION OF MARRIAGE: ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Dominic's Story

I began my V2 experience in the first year of camp, as a counselor. During that week I got to experience Catholic values outside of a "normal" church setting. I was interacting with other young men like me who were still figuring out who they are and how they are going to live their lives. Throughout my years of leadership in V2, all the experiences helped me realize that being Catholic wasn't just church activities or personal moments but should be reflected throughout your life, private and public. Those camp experiences, in addition to my home parish, helped me become the Catholic man I am today. There are a lot of distractions in the world pointing us away from God, but V2 was always there to help rekindle my fire for God when, at times, there were only coals.

In those years I felt a strong connection to the other men I met, and having experiences with seminarians and priests was a blessing that made me wonder if that was the path I was supposed to go down. Seeing the love for God that the priests and the seminarians had was truly an inspiration and made me excited about the possibility of following in their footsteps. I even went on two seminary visits to Minnesota. Ultimately, through prayer I realized I did not have the call to enter the seminary, but God had a different, beautiful plan for my life.

It was fitting that I met my wife at church. I saw her a few rows ahead of me and thought to myself, "What better place to meet my future spouse than at church?" Now, we have been married for two-and-a-half years and expecting a baby in April that we are excited to meet! I am thankful that my V2 experience isn't just a memory, but something that continues to impact my life, marriage, and now fatherhood.



Dominic Leuck served at V2 Camp from 2015 to 2019 including four years as a counselor and then as Assistant Camp Director. After graduating from police academy, he returned to camp as an adult volunteer. He got married to his wife Liz in 2023, and they are expecting their first child in April. Dominic is a deputy sheriff in Saunders County.

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Dominic (right) welcoming a camper.



Dominic finishing strong on the obstacle course.



Dominic (left) with his brother Isaac and father Dan.

# FORMING BOYS INTO MEN

## Ministry Update from the Executive Director

I want to take a moment to share with you an update on Esto Vir, our newest initiative to form young men. As a reminder, Esto Vir is Latin for “Be a man”, taken from the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá, and seeks to bring together middle school boys, high school young men, and dads at the parish level, providing formation in faith and leadership throughout the year as an extension of the camp experience. Ultimately, we feel called to revive the ancient tradition of the rite of passage: a ‘roadmap’ for transforming boys into men.

**Over the last year, we have successfully completed a pilot launch of Esto Vir at St. Wenceslaus parish. We are now ready to roll out Esto Vir more broadly and are currently in conversation with other parishes interested in launching Esto Vir.**

In the pilot phase thus far, we have already seen tremendous fruit including:

- **Youth leaders (high school young men)** citing Esto Vir as their most impactful real-life leadership experience.
- **Participants (middle school boys)** looking forward to each event – have you ever heard that about a church function?
- **Adult Leaders (dads)** feeling like they are receiving formation and skills now that they should have received when they were younger but didn’t.

I humbly ask for your continued prayers as we grow and develop this exciting program which reflects our commitment to serving families not just one time per year, but in all four seasons. Recall that as Dominic shared, he credits both summer camp and his home parish for making him the strong Catholic man he is today. Now, I personally know that Dominic comes from an amazing family and an excellent parish. But the truth is that Dominic’s home parish isn’t like most – it is an exception rather than the rule. **Most parishes are hungry for resources to effectively engage young men.** That’s where Esto Vir can partner with families and parishes to offer a year-round formation that builds on and supplements the “mountaintop experiences” that happen at summer camp.



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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**LIMITED NUMBER OF CAMPER SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!**

Week 1: July 19 to July 25

Week 2: July 26 to Aug. 1

Register at [www.v2ministries.org/adventures](http://www.v2ministries.org/adventures)



Small engine work at an Esto Vir night

**REGISTRATION  
OPENING SOON FOR**

V2 Alumni Night: March 13th

V2 Spring Summit: April 25th



Chopping firewood at the Fall Campout

**NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY  
OF GIVING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

