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Hello to Peter and JoAnn

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Since the 1960s, the Church has emphasized the need for a radical return and renewal to her calling from the Lord to evangelize.

Witnessing the rise of ideologies that have led to the killing of millions, not only from wars and oppressive governments, but from the killing of the most innocent through abortion, Pope St. John XXIII knew that the only answer would come only from turning to the One who can change the minds and hearts of humanity.

He called all Catholics to pray after each Sunday Mass for a new Pentecost as the Church prepared for a Vatican Council to address the realities the Church faced in this present age:

“O Divine Spirit, renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost.”

This cry to the Holy Spirit was answered in the most wonderful and miraculous way for Catholics and other Christians in the 1960s and onwards. The Lord poured out his Spirit across the nations.

As an example of how wonderful the Lord answered this prayer, Leo was a faithful Catholic, raising a wonderful family and holding a good job. At some point a parishioner shared with

him how he needed to know Jesus personally. Leo recognized that he was just “checking off the boxes” when it came to Mass and his faith. He was led to encounter the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit and everything black and white became technicolor!



Dave Nodar and Leo Rudegeair in 2001

I, on the other hand, encountered the Lord through the personal testimony of a fellow ‘hippy’ who had been radically changed. His simple testimony led me to ask how I could get what he had. As a result of praying for Jesus to help me, I encountered God’s love, the forgiveness of sins and the conviction that, through the Holy Spirit, I had power to change!

We, the brothers and sisters of ChristLife, have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior personally.

This personal encounter is at the heart of our Apostolate and the impetus for our mission.

“For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died” (2 Corinthians 5:14).

And there’s more good news! We’ve been empowered by the Holy Spirit to share with others the most wonderful news of our Father who loves us, who forgives our sins through what Christ has done for us, and gives us power, the Holy Spirit, to live as his sons and daughters and members of his Body, the Church.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary,

together let us thank and praise God and, personally renew our surrender to the Lord Jesus “who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (Revelations 1:5b,6)

Let’s persevere in prayer for one another and redouble our efforts to help others discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ.

With much love and gratitude, I remain your brother,

Dave Nodar
ChristLife Founder and
Senior Leader



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A FEW RECENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 2025

Dave spoke to seminarians at
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary



AUGUST 2025

Discovering Christ Parish Training
in Charlottesville, VA



SEPTEMBER 2025

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Pastoral Staff Day



OCTOBER 2025

Discovering Christ Parish Training
in Oakland, NJ



STAN RENZELMAN

ST. KATHERINE DREXEL
JACKSON, CA

“ *I have never thought of myself as an evangelist.* [Through ChristLife] I soon had the realization that I didn't need to go door to door to share the good news, there are many ways to share Christ. I can live by example and show my loved ones, friends and acquaintances the positive changes Christ has made in my life. *There have been many instances in the recent past where friends and family have asked, “What is different about you? You're different.”* This gives me the opportunity to share my journey and the great things Jesus has brought to me and my family through his grace and love.”



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CHRISTLIFE ON MISSION!

BY LISA WHITE

In September, the Lord invited ChristLife and friends to “go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” The Strengthen Gathering, held at Sandy Cove Retreat Center, gave 165 participants the opportunity to glorify the Lord for the many blessings of our ministry. Each person was invited to pause and step away from our busy lives to rediscover God’s call to a deeper, “second” surrender and to be strengthened in our purpose and zeal for spreading the Gospel. One participant shared,

“The Lord gave rest in body and soul; it was wonderful to rededicate my life to Jesus!”

Dave Nodar set the stage for our time together by inviting us to allow the Holy Spirit to continue to transform us and to recognize God’s call to a fuller, more profound surrender to Him. Dave sensed that God is calling us to turn from distractions and return to Jesus, our first love—to

be renewed and empowered to continue on mission. Talks by Pete Ascosi, Dianne Davis, and Ally Ascosi encouraged us to go deeper in our faith journeys—especially during times of trial—to remember our initial passion for God in order to stir up faith, and to trust God to multiply our gifts for an abundant harvest.

Times of worship and Masses celebrated were Spirit-filled and uplifting where participants were inspired and sensed the personal love of God for them. Being together in one place all weekend allowed more time to grow friendships, network, and share stories of faith.

An extra blessing was the number of young families who joined us, adding an excitement and joy to the weekend activities.

The retreat was a wonderful respite, and so much more. It was a time of spiritual strengthening, a chance to meet God anew, and to build Christ-centered relationships. We hopefully returned to our

parishes refreshed, and ready to faithfully serve with renewed strength and hope. A partner in faith expressed,

“The Holy Spirit filled and renewed me, the strength of prayer and community blessed me, and time with fellow missionary disciples encouraged me.”





WELCOME, PETER!

I'm Peter Hanke, and serve as the Evangelization Resources Manager. I'm a life-long Christian and recently entered full communion with the Catholic Church. I thank God for the blessings of being able to serve not only as a part of ChristLife's ongoing mission, bringing a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit to the world, but also as part of the day-to-day community life of the ChristLife Team.



WELCOME, JOANN!

Hello, I'm JoAnn Geoghan, the new Financial Manager for ChristLife. I am from Highland, Maryland and a lifelong parishioner of St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville. I recently retired from a 30-year career with the Federal Government and now look forward to my new chapter of service with ChristLife, helping to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am so thankful the Holy Spirit led me to ChristLife!

MISSIONARY: A VIDEO PODCAST

Missionary is a podcast hosted by Colin Reitmeyer, an on-fire young Catholic who recently served as ChristLife's Intern. Missionary teaches Catholics how to share their faith and live out the New Evangelization in their daily lives. Colin shares fundamentals of evangelization, practical tips, how to engage with the culture as a Catholic, and more to equip you to be a missionary!

Watch Colin's Missionary Podcast >> youtube.com/@MissionaryPodcast



Remembering a dear servant of the Lord and friend of ChristLife

DR. JULIANA SIMMONS KOPEC

JULY 15, 1940 - OCTOBER 1, 2025

Julie was a dear friend and generous supporter of ChristLife and served on our Board of Directors. She served for many years on the ChristLife team at St Louis Parish in Clarksville, Maryland. She particularly enjoyed her time cooking and organizing the dinners offered during the Discovering Christ courses. This was natural for her, as she loved cooking and sharing food with family and friends. Please remember her family in your prayers and pray for the repose of her soul.

We thank you Lord Jesus, for your loving servant, Julie.



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