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"THIS MUCH!"

Dear brothers and sisters,

I remember seeing the story of a father sharing with his child how much he loved him.

He said, "Do you know how much I love you?" And he held his hands out in front of him, several inches apart asking the child, "This much?" And then said to the child, "No, I love you much more!"

"Do I love you this much?" he asked the child again, as he put his hands a couple of feet apart. "No, I love you more!"

He continued to expand the distance between his hands, each time saying, "No, I love you more than that!"

Finally, with his arms completely outstretched, the father said, "This is how much I love you!" He then gave his child a great big hug.



Recently while gazing at an image of Jesus crucified, I was reminded of this father's question, "How much do I love you?"

When we gaze upon Christ Jesus crucified, we see how much God loves us. His arms are completely outstretched in order to carry our sins and in his suffering to reconcile us to the Father. This is how much the Father truly loves us: you, me, and all of humanity.

He loves his children completely.

As we approach the season of Lent, let us set apart time to praise and worship the Lord who has given everything to make us his own, to save us. Let us take time in adoration to surrender our lives to him so that we might "live no longer for ourselves but for him who for our sake died and was raised."

(2 Corinthians 5:14)

Let us share the most wonderful news of the God who loves us and has given everything so that we might be his!

Blessings in the abundance of his merciful love,

Dave Nodar

ChristLife Founder and Senior Leader

SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST 6-8, 2026
SEVERNA PARK, MARYLAND

Equip is the starting point of training for parishes who want to begin offering the ChristLife Process, or the starting point for new members of your parish team!

Equip will provide the necessary and comprehensive vision and training to bring to life Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ as an evangelization process.

Learn More at ChristLife.org/Equip



A LITTLE JESUS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Taylor's Testimony

Taylor is a 26-year-old who experienced ChristLife in the Archdiocese of Boston.

A series of events led her to moving back home and attending Sunday Mass. This is where she saw a banner announcing the start of Discovering Christ. She quickly signed up to attend.

Below is her testimony of experiencing the entire ChristLife Process.

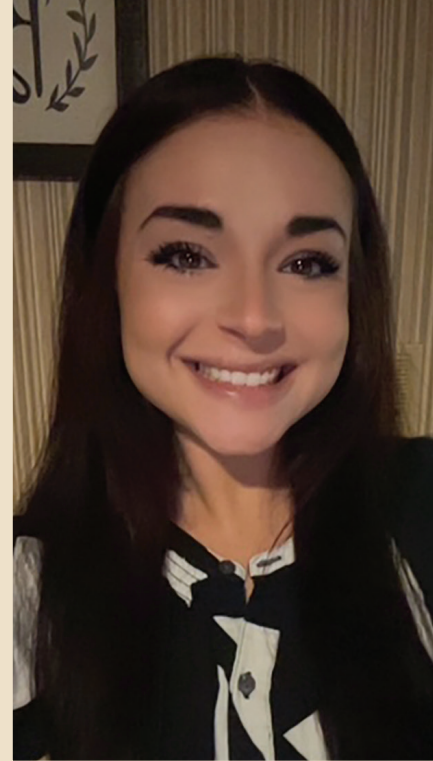
Throughout the three ChristLife courses—Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ—my relationship with Jesus, myself, and my community has been transformed.

Discovering Christ taught me Jesus' character, why we need Him as our Savior, and the hope of His resurrection. It showed me that pain isn't the enemy, it signals brokenness, but God is always working for good, and the cross is the most beautiful symbol of what is possible if we endure our pain and suffering... an eternity with our creator. The course videos were engaging and inspirational. They address real-life struggles and offer hope to those seeking Him, whether new to faith or looking to deepen it more.

Following Christ dove deeper into Catholicism and the Church's importance. This course ignited a fire in my heart. I learned to pray to the Holy Spirit before reading Scripture, trusting God to replace feelings of unworthiness with His grace. Receiving the Sacraments regularly has also helped strengthen my faith, especially receiving the Eucharist, as I know have internalized the fact that Jesus is truly the bread of life. I've also returned to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I try to go every 2 weeks but never longer than a month. Establishing a daily prayer time has also been of great

importance to me. I set aside 30 minutes each morning to pray and read the Bible and even more time at night to be with the Lord, to worship him and thank him, leaving all my worries at his feet.

Sharing Christ has convinced me that my purpose in life is to share Jesus' good news with others. ChristLife has equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to live my faith boldly without fear. I started "The Little Jesus Project." I hide small Jesus figurines around local communities in MA, in places like coffee shops and gyms to spread His love. One day, I met an elderly woman crying outside a store. Sometimes all we need is for someone to just listen and that's what I did. Visibly overwhelmed, she shared her struggles with me – family illness and financial stress. I handed her one, and her frown turned to a smile. She gave me the warmest hug, and shared she felt Jesus' peace in that moment. For me, it's about planting the seed and trusting God with the rest.



Taylor's testimony was originally shared on the May 2025 Proven Path webinar. Watch her full testimony on the ChristLife website: <https://christlife.org/testimony-taylor-ma>



TAYLOR
NORTH READING, MA

“ **ChristLife has made me a faithful disciple**, prioritizing a life reflecting Jesus' love. The courses' fellowship has transformed my parish community, calling others to action in their faith. A couple in my small group has even converted to Catholicism, and it's been so beautiful to witness.”



WE BECAME A TEAM!

BY AL REYNOLDS

The Church of the Incarnation in Charlottesville, VA began ChristLife in 2018 at the direction of our Pastor, Fr. Gregory Kandt. After one season of all three courses, Father was transferred and 2 of the remaining 3 “trained” parishioners also left. With the permission of the new Pastor, we continued running the courses, but we never built a team. Each course was put together on an ad-hoc basis. We had good results, but no momentum.

In August 2025, we brought the ChristLife training team to Charlottesville. Twenty-nine people attended the training; experience of the attendees ranged from serving several courses to none.

The Holy Spirit also attended!

Through the day—from daily Mass, to presentations and small group discussions, to our closing blessing—something powerful happened. We became a team!

Our current Parochial Vicar (who recently arrived from Ghana)

attended the training. He said that he is taking ChristLife back to Ghana when he returns. He plans to run the course during their “normal” 3-hour Mass!

The ChristLife staff worked with us to customize the material presented and the people presenting it to our needs. Thank you, Holy Spirit for ChristLife training!

Learn how to bring ChristLife trainers to your parish:

<https://christlife.org/run-christlife/training>

CELEBRATING GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

ChristLife Marks 30th Anniversary with Mass of Thanksgiving in our New Office Chapel

BY PETE ASCOSI

On Friday, December 5th staff and Board members gathered in our office chapel to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, marking the milestone of the 30th anniversary of our founding. Our Mass was enriched by the prayers of 62 donors who sent in their expressions of thanksgiving and personal intentions.

The Mass was presided over by Fr. Dale Picarella, a dear friend of our ministry. During his homily he affirmed the importance of our mission, “In Catholic culture right now in parishes, what’s missing is the Gospel message. A clear proclamation and clarity around what we mean by the Good News.” He continued, “ChristLife is a gift to the Church because it re-establishes the basics of the Gospel message—calling people to relationship with Christ. Very few are doing this with an eye for the parish.”

Father concluded by calling us to a deep prayer life so we can proclaim the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. After Father’s homily and Holy Communion, Father reposed the Blessed Sacrament in our tabernacle for the first time. Now, our new office chapel has the sacramental Presence of the Lord. Praise God!

To arrange for a visit to our office, please contact Pete Ascosi at pete@christlife.org or 443-388-8910.



CHRISTLIFE BRAZIL UPDATE



In Fall 2025, Fernando Nascimento, a member of our staff, carried out an evangelization initiative at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, in the city of Ponta Grossa, in southern Brazil. The ChristLife Process was integrated into the parish's process of Christian initiation and pastoral renewal, at the request of the parish priest, Friar Margon Milleo, FMM.

An introduction to the Christian faith was conducted, along with team formation and training, preparing the parish leaders to subsequently implement the Discovering Christ course.

This process resulted in a significant awakening of faith among the participants. Beginning this February, they will continue their journey by entering the next stage of the itinerary with the Following Christ course.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF A MISSIONARY COMMUNITY

The ChristLife Missionary Community (CMC) is a group of families and single people in Baltimore, MD that grew out of ChristLife's Young Adult ministry in 2015. Elisabeth Reed shares a personal reflection on the fruits of this community over the past 10 years.



"Eleven years ago, I was preparing for marriage when my now husband invited me to join him in discerning a new kind of community. He and a group of long time members of ChristLife Young Adults were discussing forming a more intentional community. As we met and discussed and prayed about this new community, I felt a growing desire to be a part of it and a sense that God was calling my husband and I to grow outward together—serving and being served

by our fellow Christians in this particular and beautiful way.

As we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the ChristLife Missionary Community this past summer, I am so grateful for all the good that has come out of it. I went from barely knowing these people, to considering them my local family. We are godparents and babysitters for each other's children and prayer warriors in times of need. **We encourage and**

challenge one another as we share our joys and hardships. While not missionaries in the traditional sense, we recognize God sends each of us on mission within our individual callings—to share the Good News with all we encounter. The membership, structure and locations have changed over the years,

but the heart of the community has been consistent—rooted in Christ and supporting one another as we grow into our individual callings. As I share the faith with our youngest members at the monthly meetings, pray with others in our bi-weekly small groups, and celebrate birthdays and baptisms together, **I consistently feel Christ's presence: inspiring me, challenging me, loving me, giving me life."**



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