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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad."

PSALM 126:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to share two stories that illustrate God's power at work in our mission.

The first is about a 21-year-old man named Kevin. Earlier this year he told me, "God flipped a switch inside of me," referring to a sudden new desire to take his faith seriously.

The timing of this newfound hunger for God coincided perfectly with a young adult Discovering Christ series at my parish this summer. He enthusiastically joined our team and consistently attended each session.

"This has been exactly what I needed", he told a group of us during the course. Not only did it strengthen his faith, it connected him to other young Catholics who are seeking God.

What is so special about Kevin's conversion is that he is my godson, and I have been praying for him over the years. What an encouragement!

The second is about an 88-year-old woman who I'll call Ruth. She attended Discovering Christ at a Little Sisters of the Poor home in Washington D.C.

During Discovering Christ she told the facilitator, Tom, "God can't love me. I've done too many bad things in life... I have this hate inside of me." She went on to share about how she hated her father from the age of eight when he left the family. (80 years of hate!) Tom encouraged her to go to Confession assuring her God does love her. She hesitated, saying she wouldn't know what to do, since it had been 50 years since her last Confession. "It's okay, the priest will help you," said Tom.

Well, the next week at Discovering Christ, with a smile on her face, Ruth shared about going to Confession. "I feel so light, like a burden has been lifted! And the hate is gone." Two weeks later, Ruth passed away, having reconciled with God and having forgiven her father!



Both Kevin's and Ruth's stories illustrate ChristLife's essential mission.

Like Kevin and Ruth, thousands of people are currently on a spiritual journey in ChristLife courses, in dozens of parishes from California to Massachusetts to Brazil.

Would you please join us in praying for these souls? They could, by God's grace, come to know, love, and serve Jesus in this life, so as to enjoy eternal life with Him one day.

With gratitude for your partnership in the Gospel,

Pete Ascosi
Executive Director

CHRISTLIFE'S STRENGTHEN RETREAT SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 11-13, 2027

SANDY COVE RETREAT CENTER, NORTH EAST, MARYLAND

Experience powerful teachings, time alone with the Lord and with others in community, the Sacraments, and Spirit-filled praise and worship.



POPE LEO XIV APPOINTS MOST REV. MICHAEL SAPORITO AS BISHOP OF METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY!

Bishop Saporito has been a long-time friend, having run ChristLife as a parish priest for many years. Please join us in praying for Bishop Michael Saporito, that the Holy Spirit would empower him to continue to preach the Gospel with fervor and love.



A RECAP OF EQUIP 2026

BY: LISA WHITE



TO EQUIP: *"To give someone the knowledge, training, or ability to handle a situation."*

"To fully prepare or make a person completely adequate for service and good works."

God provided abundantly through the Equip Conference, held in early August, where participants were "equipped with everything good that we may do God's will" (Hebrews 13:21).

Equip 2026 provided in-depth training and practicums for 171 people from 33 parishes from across the U.S. We hosted new parishes interested in learning about and implementing the ChristLife evangelization process, as well as experienced parishes who joined us with new team members and for spiritual renewal. It was a blessed time of learning, fellowship, and inspiration.

Participants were blessed with inspiring and updated talks provided by ChristLife team members and practitioners, explaining our mission and how to run the process. They also participated in practicums to apply the tools learned, heard testimonies, and connected with other Catholics passionate about evangelization.

Participants shared that:

“*It wasn't just about learning how to run the courses. It was an opportunity to go through and experience it, and be impacted by it ourselves.*”

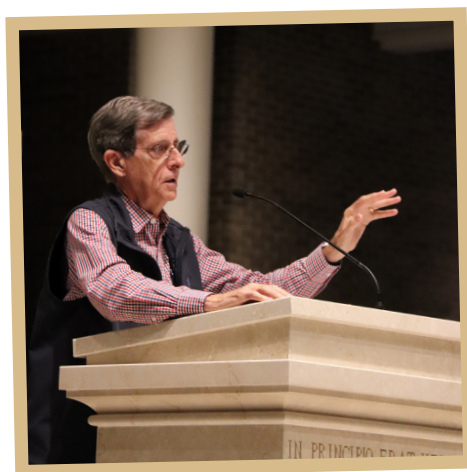
“*Hearing testimony from experienced presenters, leaders, and staff was a powerful way to think about strategies for our own parish.*”

“*Everything about this was sincerely friendly, clean, organized, pleasant, and professional—while still honoring the familial feel so necessary to discipling God's family.*”

“*The Eucharistic adoration was transcendent and a window into heaven.*”

“*I feel rejuvenated to go out and bring Jesus to the world— whoever He wishes me to minister to.*”

Equip was a special time of training and community in a retreat-like environment. All of the talks were filmed, so there will be brand new training videos accessible to All Access Pass subscribers. We hope to have them available by the end of December 2026.



INVITATION INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

BY: MING CHAN

Two years ago, I was baptized into the Catholic Church. My journey into faith began in a moment of deep loss, when my son passed away at the age of three. In that grief, I found myself searching for answers. That search eventually led me into a classroom for the OCIA program at St. Louis Church in Clarksville, Maryland.

At first, it was about learning. I was introduced to the teachings of the Church, the Sacraments, and what it means to live the Catholic faith. It gave me a strong foundation.

As part of the OCIA program, we attended Discovering Christ. I encountered something different. It wasn't just about gaining knowledge; it was an invitation into a relationship with God. Slowly, that relationship began to take shape in my life.

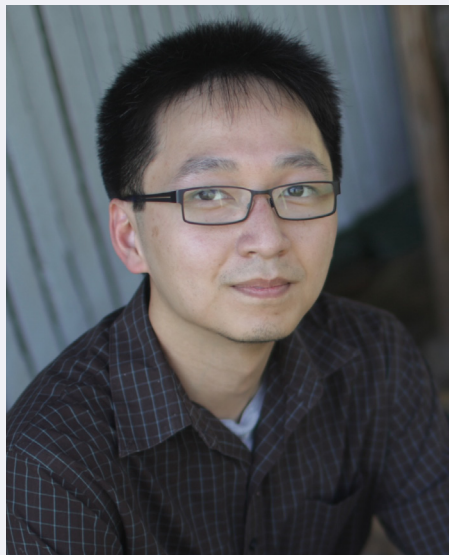
“ *I started to see that faith isn't just about having the right answers. It's about walking with Christ, day by day.* ”

It's about trust, about surrender, about allowing Him into the ordinary moments of my life.

At the same time, something else was happening. I was building relationships with others. Every week, we sat at the same table with the same people, having honest conversations about life and faith.

Over time, those conversations turned into real friendships. And those friendships didn't end when the program ended. In fact, one person from my small group became a close friend of our family. Now she is the godmother of our fourth child, who recently turned one.

That didn't happen because of a class. It happened because we were given a space where real relationships could grow; relationships rooted in faith, built on trust, and strengthened over time.



One of the biggest changes in my life has been in how I pray. During Following Christ, we were challenged to pray for 15 minutes a day. So I did. I set a timer, and when it went off, I was done. It was a good place to start. It gave me structure and helped me build consistency. But over time, I began to question it. Why was I giving God a fixed time slot? Slowly, that began to change.

Prayer became less about the timer and more about presence. Instead of watching the clock, I started staying in prayer as long as I needed to. Sometimes that meant

longer. Sometimes not. But the focus shifted, I was trying to listen. To be still. To actually be with God.

“ *And because of that, faith is no longer just something I understand. It's something I'm living.* ”

I've also learned something along the way: understanding the Catholic faith isn't the finish line, it's the starting point. Because once I began to understand it, I realized I was being called to live it. And for me, that has meant saying “yes” to things I never would have imagined: retreats, pilgrimages, and even standing before a room full of strangers to share testimony.

Those moments aren't always comfortable. But every “yes” has been a step forward. Every “yes” has been part of the journey.

And looking back, I'm deeply grateful for the foundation I was given, for the relationships that were formed, and for the way God has continued to work in my life.



Read Ming's full story in his book, “His Redeeming Gift: A Soul's Passage Through Grief, Faith, and Hope.” You can purchase a copy using the QR code.

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Our goal is to welcome 25 new monthly donors in November. Will you help advance ChristLife's mission of Catholic evangelization by becoming a monthly donor today?

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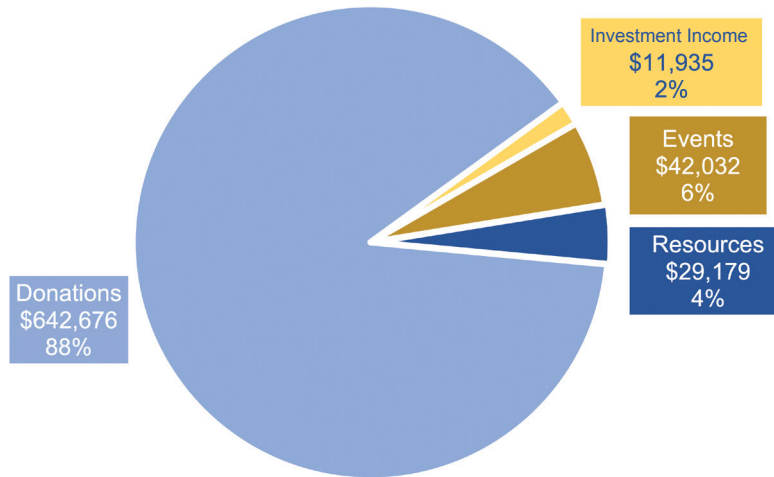
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

In this brief summary report of ChristLife's finances are two pie-charts depicting our income and expenses. As you can see, donations are the primary way our mission is funded. 404 people gave donations in our last fiscal year, of which 114 are monthly donors. Our expense categories illustrate the facets of ChristLife's evangelization work. Our expenses exceeded income by \$35,361. These funds were pulled from our savings.

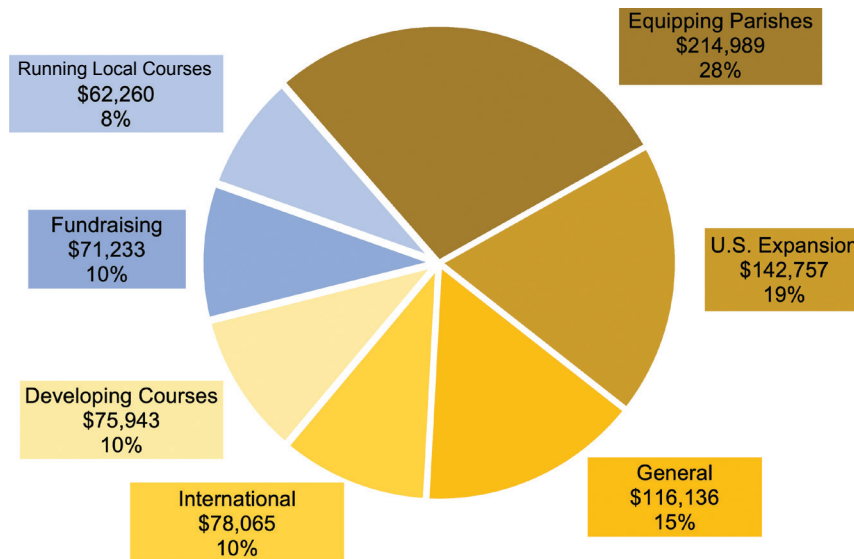
Income

\$725,822



Expenses

\$761,282



*Thank you for supporting ChristLife's mission
to evangelize and make disciples!*

ChristLife equips Catholics for the essential work of evangelization through our proven three-step process: Discovering Christ, Following Christ, and Sharing Christ.

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