

## **FOCUS Alumni: Launched into Lifelong Catholic Mission**

FOCUS' "main thing" is to launch students — and consequently missionaries — into lifelong Catholic mission. FOCUS exists to create and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ so that every person can feel known, loved and cared for.

Tens of thousands of students have been involved with FOCUS, who after graduation have the opportunity to move into parish life to continue their missionary work. FOCUS alumni, now more than 50,000 strong, are living and serving in parishes and communities across the country, including more than 10,000 trained for post-graduate evangelization. By 2026, FOCUS expects to have more than 70,000 alumni.

An important blessing of a fruitful partnership between the local campus ministry and FOCUS has been the pursuit of religious vocations. Since 1998, more than 1,000 people have entered the seminary or a religious house of formation after involvement with FOCUS on college campuses. Based on past experience, FOCUS expects that number to nearly double in the next five years.

The FOCUS Alumni Relations department connects, inspires and equips FOCUS student and staff alumni with ongoing experiences, tools and resources as they continue in their roles as missionary disciples and endeavor to live out lifelong Catholic mission. Resources on [focusalumni.org](https://focusalumni.org) include a job board, networking opportunities with professionals and connections with other alumni across the country.

FOCUS Connect regional communities help alumni stay connected in areas across the country, such as Indianapolis, St. Louis, Denver, Chicago, Boston and Northern Virginia. FOCUS Alumni regularly hosts events such as community-driven Breaking Bread gatherings in select alumni cities and virtual Mission Outposts for prayer, support and encouragement.