

THE CRISIS



34% of young adults between the ages of 18-40 now identify as having no religious affiliation.



50% of Catholic teenagers abandon their Catholic identity by their late twenties.



26% of Catholics under the age of 40 believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT IT

Crossroads 4 Christ gathers young adults together to grow in faith and friendship centered in Jesus Christ. Each C4C Chapter hosts weekly “C4C Nights” where members encounter Christ in the Eucharist and in one another. Led by a group of volunteer young adults, a C4C Chapter is meant to serve as a launchpad to a life of missionary discipleship.

THE C4C NIGHT



Glory Stories



10-Minute Teaching



Small Group Discussions



Eucharistic Adoration



Confession

C4C



C4C HAS REALLY BEEN A CONSTANT REMINDER TO ME THAT MY FAITH LIFE IS SUPPOSED TO EXTEND BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF SUNDAY MASS. GETTING TOGETHER EVERY WEEK WITH OTHER YOUNG ADULTS BOTH ENCOURAGES ME IN WHAT I'M ALREADY DOING AND ALSO CHALLENGES ME TO TAKE NEW STEPS, WHETHER IT BE REACHING OUT TO SOMEONE NEW, BEING MORE DEDICATED TO MY PERSONAL DAILY PRAYER, OR MORE CONFIDENTLY WITNESSING MY FAITH IN SECULAR ENVIRONMENTS.

- Steve Beck

“ IN MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE GREATER WATERBURY CHAPTER, C4C HAS PROVIDED A MUCH-NEEDED OPPORTUNITY FOR ENCOUNTER WITH THOSE YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE ‘ON THE PERIPHERY,’ AS POPE FRANCIS WRITES IN *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL*. C4C GREATER WATERBURY IS TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS IN GROWING NUMBER. THEY LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND STRIVE TO FOLLOW CHRIST’S TEACHINGS. C4C HAS PROVIDED THE STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT NETWORK THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THIS CHAPTER NEEDED TO BEGIN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY TO THEIR PEERS.

- Fr. Anthony Smith, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Watertown, CT

OUR STORY

In September 2015, a group of young adults from Connecticut traveled to Philadelphia to see Pope Francis during his visit to the United States. While there, they had an unforgettable experience of encountering Christ. They felt deeply moved by the Holy Spirit to answer the call of our Holy Father to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. That next week they began meeting as friends and seeking the Lord in prayer. This was the beginning of Crossroads 4 Christ.

As more young adults had authentic experiences of encountering the Lord through C4C and found enduring Christ-centered friendships, they were set on fire to follow Christ and lead others to the goodness they had found in Him. Many desired to build up the young adults in their local regions, and so Crossroads 4 Christ slowly spread through the founding of new Chapters. Where these Chapters formed, the faith life of young adults grew and more young adults were seen in the pews.

In 2019, Crossroads 4 Christ became a 501(c)(3) non-profit with full-time employees who dedicate themselves to building communities of young adult missionary disciples through forming and nourishing C4C Chapters. C4C is a member of the Official Catholic Directory and is entrusted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“ AFTER MORE THAN 5 YEARS OF BEING PART OF C4C IN DIFFERENT CHAPTERS AND WITH DIFFERENT ROLES, I CAN’T STOP PRAISING GOD FOR THIS GIFT IN MY LIFE. THROUGH C4C, I FOUND REMARKABLE FRIENDS WHO I AM HONORED TO CALL MY FAMILY, AND I DISCOVERED ANOTHER DIMENSION OF MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST THAT HAS BEEN MOLDING MY HEART AND VOCATION.

- María Midy Vázquez

I HAVE BEEN SO MOVED BY THE WITNESS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN INVOLVED IN C4C, WHO ARE SO FULL OF JOY AND SO SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR FAITH. THEY ARE ROOTED IN LOVE OF CHRIST AND HAVE FORMED THIS BEAUTIFUL COMMUNION WITH EACH OTHER, WHICH IS SUCH A SIGN OF HOPE FOR OUR WORLD.

- Sr. Marie Veritas, SV



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