

JESUS YOUTH
CAMPUS

2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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A word from the coordinator



-Rickie Jacob

JY CAMPUS COORDINATOR
DALLAS, TX

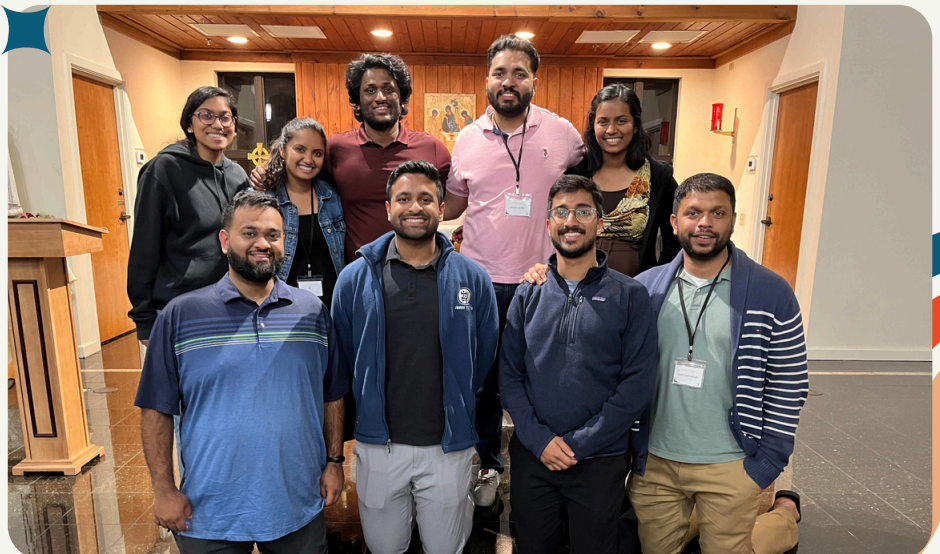
"Allow him to find you." In a meeting with University students in Krakow, St. John Paul II stated, "A young person, at times, gets lost in himself, in the world about him, and in all the network of human affairs that wrap him round. Allow Christ to find you. Let him know all about you and guide you."— these words of St. John Paul II echo in my heart as to why I committed to actively being a part of Campus Ministry.

When I reflect upon the time one spends in college, I believe that college is truly a time for self-discovery where a campus student is challenged to encounter themselves and find deeper meaning in who they are meant to be. St. John Paul II states, when a student allows Christ to find them as they search for meaning and understanding, it truly transforms one's life forever! I encountered this in college, where various retreats and programs challenged me to experience Christ so personally that I wanted to give my life to Christ and be a missionary.

Through the various programs and events that we offer as Jesus Youth Campus Ministry, college students can experience Christ finding them, allowing them to be transformed to be missionary disciples. College is a time of laughter, joy, adventure, and freedom. However, as John Paul II states, The most stirring adventure that can happen is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives. My prayer is that each of us during this year can allow Christ to find us!

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(Front to back, left to right)





REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

PRAYER GATHERING



DALLAS, TX

SWING DANCING



PHILLY, PA

CAMPUS EVENTS



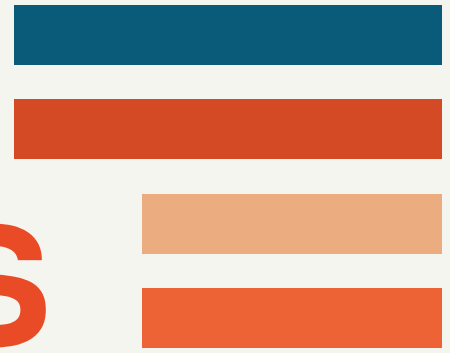
TAMPA, FL

PRAYER BREAKFAST

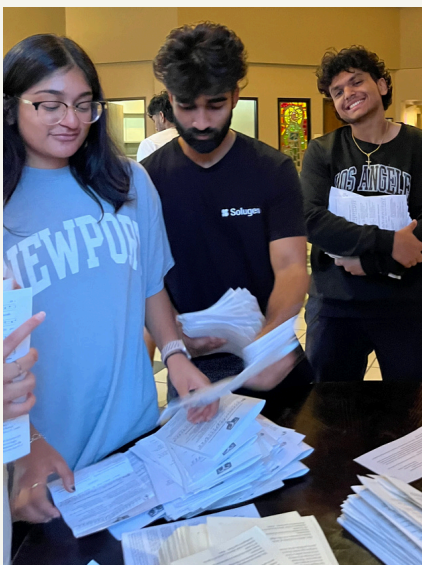


NORTHEAST

HOUSTON PATHWAYS



College students journey for six weeks with a family and young adult to be accompanied in their journey of faith. This past semester the students spent time diving into the topic of friendships.



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I'm a sophomore in college and my experience with pathways has been extremely positive. This last unit in friendship and understanding the views on our close peers while reflecting onto ourselves has been something I really carry with me. Through pathways I was able to better understand what was forming with my friends and within myself as well. Through pathways and college prayer there has been significant graces in my first year of college whether that be in my spirituality or my fellowship and formation with my friends. Needless to say I can't wait to start again

-Giovanni Lewis
HOUSTON, TX

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NATIONAL HAPPENINGS

MISSION EXCHANGE

A week long gathering of serving the poor while spending time in fellowship with the local JY families

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This mission exchange was really my first introduction to a tight-knit JY community. While the mission aspect of the trip definitely put my life in perspective, I was taken aback by the people I met. I found my relationships with both the people in the mission exchange and the JY families in the area flourished and inspired me to strive for that connection in my future.

-Joel Kallarackal
TAMPA, FL

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Mission exchange was a week long, but by the end of it, it felt like I had been with this group for much longer. Our week consisted of volunteering at the soup kitchen with the missionaries of charity, encountering the homeless in Kensington, and volunteering at a school for children with disabilities. This experience was not about just providing for someone's need, but striving for an encounter with Christ and bringing His love to those who feel unseen. Another big component of this program was the exchange aspect. We didn't just stay at our host family's house as guests for a week. We became a part of their family. Our evenings were filled with laughter and joy as we had dinner and prayed together. My most memorable moments of family time were of us talking together in the living room (and kitchen floor) until we got too tired. Mission exchange allowed me to encounter many new things. I am so grateful to the team that made this program possible.

-Beatriz Alapat
DALLAS, TX

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RAISED

Creative retreat blending silence, family vacation, and praise all into one.

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When I discerned going to Raised, I didn't have many expectations for the week, but knowing how much I received showed me how intentionally the Lord works with His surprises. It was initially a struggle to connect my creativity with faith because every moment of prayer and silence felt so far from what I believed God wanted from me. But soon, the silence allowed me to be present with inspiration and experience His overwhelming love without question, in complete freedom. Those feelings of absolute joy and affirmation opened up every part of me to see how He placed those desires in my heart and never failed to deliver.

-Jessica Cyrine

PHILLY, PA

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Perhaps most beautiful was witnessing how healing through the sacraments, prayer and advisement encouraged participants to enter into their creativity in a new way. The moments of silence, communal prayer and collaboration nurtured a beautiful space for deeper reflection of the gift that the Lord has placed inside each of us. It was amazing to see how even our children were receptive to this space as well, contributing in their own artistic ways. I'm looking forward to how the Spirit will continue to lead and cultivate this amazing space for creatives in the movement!

-Jifu Chengat

BOSTON, MA

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BREAKTHROUGH

Discipleship training program for sophomores & juniors with a separate freshman track to prepare students for college.

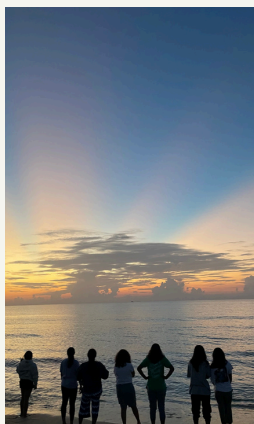
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Breakthrough was a really good experience especially the bonds that I made with freshman girls and just everything I received from adoration, mass and all the talks! What I realized this time around is how much I needed to trust in the Lord. Breakthrough made me realize that sometimes when the thing's I desire doesn't seem to be answered immediately I tend to come up with lies that tell me that God doesn't have a plan for me and that he doesn't care but he does! Through out the week I experienced all sorts of emotions that all led me to realizing just how much I have to grow! Overall I received so much grace and I am super happy I went

-Neha Joseph

BREAKTHROUGH FRESHMAN TRACK, NY

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Breakthrough was really life changing for me. Being in a place where everyone came of their own free will so they could walk with others along the path to Christ was beautiful. The Lord revealed to me so many things that I didn't even realize I was struggling with or refused to confront. I also got to reconnect with old friends and make new ones!

- Joel George
SACRAMENTO, CA

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Attending Breakthrough in Florida was truly life-changing. I arrived with no specific expectations, but as the days unfolded, the depth and intensity of the experience became clear. Each keynote, every meeting, and especially the moments of adoration, built upon the last, pushing me to confront topics I had been avoiding. The keynote on resistance by Simi Chechi, in particular, still resonates deeply within me. The retreat continually challenged me, allowing me to break through barriers I hadn't realized I was holding onto. By the end, I knew this was an experience I would not only repeat but also encourage others to join. Breakthrough was an opportunity for profound personal growth, and I'm grateful for the transformation it sparked in me.

- Sneha Thomas
HOUSTON, TX

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



A gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world.



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World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal was no easy feat, but it was one of the most impactful experiences of my life. We were met with many challenges during our pilgrimage, but I would argue that there is no better time to be challenged than when you are surrounded by thousands of Catholics that are hungry for Jesus. I was so moved by my fellow Jesus Youth brothers and sisters who loved and cared for each other along the journey. I was able to witness the Church fully alive and the love and mercy of Christ pouring out of each one of us.

- Jesinta George
AUSTIN, TX - YOUNG ADULT

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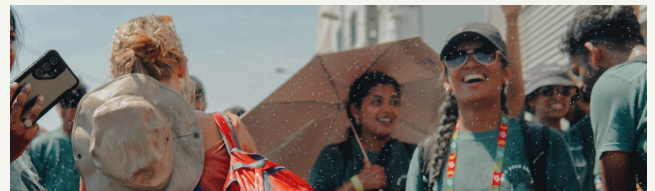
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Going into World Youth Day in Portugal, I was not expecting anything spectacular, just an opportunity to experience the Church in its fullness and be a part of something great. Then, starting from the airport itself, he slowly started planting little seeds and moments that showed me I was not just one of the millions of people that would show up, but that I was one of one to Him, and that he knows me and my desires inside and out. It was never anything glamorous, but throughout the week, I was given the grace to be able to encounter Him in many ways that only He and I would notice or understand. From my encounter with Him in the Eucharist while on a basketball court, through nature, getting to see the Holy Father, and more, my experience at World Youth Day kickstarted the ongoing journey where I am discovering, how real, present, and personal God was to me, and how much I really meant to Him as his beloved son.

Noah George

DELRAY, FLORIDA -
SCHOOL OF NAZARETH

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THRIVE

A 5-day Catholic backpacking trip designed to bring each person in greater relationship with God, nature, other people, and oneself by adventuring as a group through the wilderness."all into one.

NORTH CAROLINA



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Thrive was an unforgettable experience that I would definitely participate in again. It was great to meet new people and create lifelong friendships. I am grateful I was able to engage in fellowship through this unique setting. There was beauty in our struggles because it brought out the tenacity in me.

Kevin Raju
HOUSTON, TX

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WYOMING



UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZE

OCT 25, 2024 - OCT 27, 2024
DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

"Together, we open paths of hope with Br. Emile from Taizé, France. Join us from October 25th through October 27th for an inspiring journey of prayer, unity, and reflection. Registration is free!!

To learn more & register: <http://taizefl.paperform.co>

ZION

DEC 31, 2024 - JAN 4, 2025
HOUSTON, TX

Zion is a conference for college students who are desiring more and eager to explore the Gospel. That through authentic conversations, intergenerational love, and the experience of genuine friendships, students will encounter the mercy of God and be inspired to pursue a journey of faith within a vibrant community.

To learn more: <https://www.jesusyouth.us/event/zion-2025/>

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