



CATHOLIC STREET MISSIONARIES



Moved by the Gospel and empowered by faith,

Catholic Street Missionaries go out to meet Christ on the streets, serving the most vulnerable with love, presence, and mercy. Their mission is one of encounter—restoring hope and reminding every person they are seen, known, and loved.



Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.

(Matthew 25:40)

How Catholic Street Missionaries Bring Christ to the Streets

In Canada, we are blessed with plenty of material things. Even our poor and homeless are not hungry or naked, as many charities and government programs provide them with the food and clothing they need.

However, people on the street are very often deeply wounded in their hearts. Most of them suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder and are survivors of abuse. The mistreatment many of them have faced has caused them to lose their trust in people. They have lost hope. They are in despair and see no light. They feel lonely, rejected and abandoned by society. But there is hope. There is light.

Every Sunday, throughout the year, Catholic Street Missionaries Society reaches out to the less fortunate and provides them with emotional & spiritual support. We bring God's love to those on the street.

CSM recognizes the inherent dignity of each street person in God's eyes. Every single one of them is worth Jesus' life. He died for all on the Cross. Jesus himself identifies with those who are suffering. To us, they are the Crucified Christ. By consoling them, we are consoling Jesus.

At Catholic Street Missionaries, we spend quality time with our street friends, listening to their stories and offering prayers to those who are open to it. Whether they believe in Christ or not, our goal is to befriend and care for each one of them personally. Over time, we build lasting relationships and they begin to open up and slowly trust people once again.

While us Canadians are well provided for in a material sense, CSM strives to fill the emotional longing that many people are still left with.

We don't have strict metrics on how we measure the success of our interactions. We base it on how much love a street friend feels during our visit. The greater the warmth they feel, the better. If he or she feels more loved after the encounter, then we have done our part.

Because giving them hope is showing love.

And we believe that it's love that heals.



SLEEP OUT 2025 – March 7–8, 2025

From a Catholic perspective, SLEEP OUT 2025 was more than an act of empathy—it was a lived expression of the Gospel.

When participants chose to sleep outside, in front of the church on March 7–8, 2025, they echoed Christ's own words: "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). This voluntary discomfort became a form of solidarity rooted in Catholic social teaching, affirming the dignity of every human person and the Church's preferential option for the poor.

Through prayer, reflection, and shared sacrifice, SLEEP OUT 2025 invited participants to encounter Christ in the poor, just as Jesus teaches in Matthew 25: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." The experience moves hearts beyond charity alone toward conversion—calling participants to see homelessness not as an issue, but as a human reality demanding compassion, justice, and sustained love.

In this way, SLEEP OUT 2025 became an act of discipleship: a small participation in Christ's self-giving love, awakening a deeper commitment to mercy that continues long after the night outdoors has ended.



We invite you to join us for the 2026 Sleep Out for the Homeless. Each participant will receive a personal donation page to gather support. All proceeds will go to Catholic Street Missionaries to support their work in reaching out to our homeless brothers and sisters with the Gospel message of God's love and hope. Are you up for the challenge?

Sleep out 2025 participants, as they prepared in a sacrificial act of experience and prayer encounter Christ in the poor.



**JOIN US FOR THE 2026 SLEEP OUT
March 6–7, 2026**



ONE-DAY TRAINING & HOMELESS OUTREACH



**with Catholic Street Missionaries (Age 19–39)
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Vancouver**

Who can Join?

The Missionary retreats that shapes hearts

Young adults age 19–39 who would like to serve Jesus in the poor have training and reflection before engaging in street ministry.

Our Orientation introduces participants to the mission of CSM and provides practical, compassionate guidance on how to approach and engage with people on the street. It addresses important safety considerations, helps articulate our respectful and human-centred approach, and sheds light on the very real needs of our street friends.

Street outreach is only the beginning. CSM's mission goes much deeper. We walk alongside individuals who are open to support—people living with mental illness, struggling with addiction, experiencing homelessness, or lacking family and community.

By the grace of God, every person we accompany experiences healing and growth. We do not heal by our own strength; we serve as channels of God's love—and it is His love that restores, dignifies, and heals.

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HOPE ON THE HORIZON

CSM SUMMER OUTREACH

From August 10–17, 2025 Hope on the Horizon offered a rich and transformative experience rooted in personal growth, authentic community, and a deeper life in Christ. Participants are invited to boldly live out the Gospel by loving and serving the “lepers” of today’s society, while journeying alongside other compassionate young adults. Through shared service, prayer, and learning, genuine and lasting friendships are formed. Guided street ministry training and intentional faith formation further support participants in growing spiritually, personally, and in their commitment to Christian discipleship.

Hope On The Horizon strengthened my faith, equipped me for outreach, and left me with a profound respect for the human dignity in every person.

Through prayer, formation, community life, and intentional outreach, I experienced a greater joy and freedom to listen to the voice of Christ in our homeless brothers and sisters.

Jacob Klaponski

Hope on the Horizon helped me understand some of the pain that many people experience on the streets, and how something as simple as a smile and conversation can make a difference for them.

This program was filled with prayer and deep conversations which helped me be spiritually refreshed and feel more connected to other young Catholics/Christians.

Danielle Labish



Archbishop Richard Smith visited Hope on the Horizon one evening and had dinner with the young missionaries. He was very impressed with the youth as they told him of their street encounters, and how they saw the dignity of each person, God’s precious children. Young adult street missionaries were very excited and greatly encouraged with Archbishop Smith’s presence. Thank you Archbishop Richard Smith! **We love you!**

Meet Our 2025 Missionaries



Andrew Heakes

I'm excited to return to Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) for Hope on the Horizon this summer. My journey to the Catholic Church has been transformative. After years of struggling with personal turmoil that mirrored the marginalized on the streets, I encountered Christ's love, which set me on a new path of faith and healing.



Catie Moric

I come from a family of 6, along with my brother-in-law and two nieces. I feel called to join Hope on the Horizon this summer, because over the past couple of years, I have seen such a depth of humanity in our friends struggling on the streets. I enjoy the outdoors, philosophy, Portugal, the Eucharist, and the baritone ukulele. I love to sing.

Maria Lara

I'm 25 years old., originally from Brazil, and I've been blessed to live in different places like Mexico, El Salvador, Spain, and now Canada, where I'm visiting my parents in Victoria. I spent a year as a missionary in Mexico, working with girls ages 10 to 16, helping them build a relationship with God, others, and themselves, and showing them their true value as daughters of God. I love playing sports, being active, and spending time with people. More than anything, I just want to be a light wherever I go and help others feel God's love through simple acts of kindness and presence. That's why I'm joining this mission – to reflect Jesus' light in the streets, serve those in need, and grow in faith alongside others who share the same desire.



Danielle Labish

I previously volunteered with Catholic Street Missionaries and found it eye-opening, revealing the beauty of serving the poor and marginalized. The experience deepened my empathy and reminded me that giving is greater than receiving. I hope to strengthen my outreach skills and grow alongside Catholics passionate about serving God. Though this program will stretch me beyond my comfort zone, I trust God will give me the strength I need.

Crispin Huang

Outside of CSM and my studies, I am taking healing classes with Encounter School of Ministry, and I have been venturing with Physical Healing gifts the Lord has given. I serve as altar boy in my local parish in Hong Kong, and also serve in mass as a chorister and clarinetist. I've just begun facilitating an Alpha Youth group. I am a huge soccer fan (it's called football btw). I have loved spending time with the marginalised, and I always see the Holy Spirit working through me, especially when I smile.



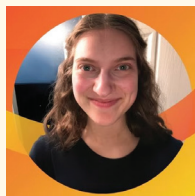
Sarah Masse

I was deeply moved witnessing the love of CSM volunteers during training and by the openness of those we serve. The focus on the emotional and spiritual needs of the homeless stood out to me. While I've offered food or money before, I longed to learn how to have deeper, more meaningful encounters that help people feel truly seen and loved by God. This program feels like a way to give back and grow in faith.



Jacob Klaponski

I feel called to embrace the adventure in God's time. I hope to find meaning and hope within spiritual and physical poverty, believing we receive most when we give ourselves..



Julie Berube

I met a Catholic Street Missionaries staff member and was struck not only by her love for people on the streets, but by how she treated them as equals and friends. God has given me compassion for people in struggle, though fear and uncertainty have sometimes held me back.

I'm inspired by CSM's simple, relational approach that offers hope without taking on others' burdens. I'm excited to grow through genuine friendship and deepen my prayerful intercession.

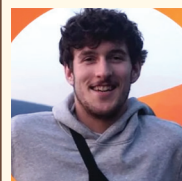
I am a seminarian entering my second year of philosophy at the Seminary of Christ the King. The oldest of six, I enjoy the outdoors, thoughtful conversation, daily Mass, reading, and simple work, and I look forward to learning through presence and service.



Justin Borkowski

Hello, I'm Justin, a Master's student in Counselling Psychology at Trinity Western University, and I'm excited to serve with Catholic Street Missionaries. My desire is to integrate faith and practice, helping people find hope and healing through Jesus. While working in Vancouver's

Waterfront area, I witnessed deep suffering and initially felt powerless. Over time, I learned that small acts—remembering names, listening, and genuine connection—can bring light and hope. This is the message I want to share.



Jason Sawyer

Jason Sawyer responded not to a dramatic call, but to a quiet invitation that unfolded over time. After hearing Mildred Moy speak about

Catholic Street Missionaries at his parish, Holy Cross in Delta, he reached out simply to help. A year later, prayer led him to Hope on the Horizon. Living and serving at St. Kateri Centre, Jason found community through shared prayer, meals, and ministry—faithfully saying yes, one step at a time.

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2



**After formation with
Germain McKenzie,
Professor of Corpus
Christi College.**



**Fr. Joseph D' Souza,
OP, Pastor of St.
Mary's, gave us a
talk on the Blessed
Mother, just before
the Feast of the
Queenship of Mary.**



**Eric Chow, Director
of PROCLAIM,
taught the HoTH
missionaries how
to give an effective
testimony.**

STREET ENCOUNTERS & OUTREACH

Catie and Maria with a person on wheelchair sitting at the street corner



Catie and Maria with our good friend Sandy outside the Holy Rosary Cathedral

HotH COMMUNITY DAY



HotH missionaries in the Community Day

After listening to a vocation talk by one of the nuns, the group explored the holy ground. Photo taken at Queen of Peace Monastery, Squamish



Young missionaries posting after morning Mass outside St. Patrick's Parish on our Community Day.





HotH Missionaries took a rest day and enjoyed bonding time in the Queen of Peace Monastery, Squamish.

2025 Missionaries had a retreat at Westminster Abbey directed by Fr. Ray Smith (not shown in the photo to the right). Fr. Matthew Gerlich, OSB stands with 2025 HotH missionaries.



At the end of the program, at the Sunday 9:30am Mass, Fr. Ray Smith, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Vancouver, blessed the HotH graduates and sent them off to bring Hope to the world through service to the poor.

24^{HR} FAST & PRAY

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September 12–13, 2025

What is the “24 Hour Fast & Pray”?

A powerful retreat where
young adults unite in
fasting, prayer, and
reflection to spiritually
prepare for service on
the streets.

Participants dedicate 24
hours—Friday evening to
Saturday evening—
to embrace self-denial
and deepen their
communion with God
and one another



**JOIN US FOR 24 HOUR FAST AND PRAY
Sept. 18–19, 2026**

www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/24hourfast

STREET ENCOUNTERS & OUTREACH



Hundreds are open to prayer

Miracles

Dennis is reunited with his Dad

Crystal thanks us for helping her get back on her feet

Many hear the gospel for the first time



We help Sam get home.

We met Sam on the street. He lost all his belongings while visiting Vancouver, and hence became homeless and couldn't get home. We helped him purchase a bus ticket to Edmonton so that he can be reunited with his family and his daughter who will be turning ONE.

The teddy bear is Sam's birthday gift for her. We saw him board the bus before leaving. Sam, wish you all the best! Hope we'll cross path again!

VOCATIONS Andrew, Jack and Alex

Photos 1 & 2: Send off celebration for Andrew and Jack with Hope on the Horizon missionaries. Andrew Heakes has joined the Dominicans and Jack Legge has joined the Jesuits.

Photos taken at 3rd Beach.



Photo at right:

Alexander (in the middle) is an Ukrainian Catholic who has entered Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta.



At right:

On August 27, Andrew received the Dominican habit and is now known as Brother Jacob.



BAPTISM: of two volunteers



At Easter Vigil, two volunteers were baptized: Arun and Raphael. Arun is a core team member. Raphael is a missionary from Japan. Congratulations Arun and Raphael!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Jennifer and Roger

Jennifer and Roger came all the way from Hong Kong and participated in our Street Missionary Weekend in 2024. This summer, they got married in HK.

"But those who trust in the lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

Is 40:31



Babies of Volunteers!

Welcome to
the world,
Dominic Beaudoin!

Born on April 14

Photo taken at
Mildred's visit at
Andre and Emily's
new place in Maple
Ridge on Sept 8

We are so full of joy!



**Congratulations
Kathryn and Elie!**

Baby surprised us
2 weeks early on
September 1 at 4:21pm,
after a 20 hour labour
on Labour Day!

Introducing
**Clémentine Marie
Sabbagh**
6lb, 11oz

Both baby and myself
are healthy and
doing so so well. Our
hearts are absolutely
exploding!



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CSM SUMMER OUTREACH

The **Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach Program** offers a remarkable opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 35 to respond to Christ's call to serve the homeless with compassion. Coordinated by the **Archdiocese of Vancouver** in partnership with **Catholic Street Missionaries**, this transformative program will take place in the **summer of 2026**.

Participants will experience **a rich community life**, grounded in the power of **prayer**, while deepening their understanding of **Catholic teachings**. They will actively serve the homeless on the streets of Vancouver, engaging in a **holistic formation that nurtures their human, apostolic, spiritual, and intellectual development**. Throughout the program, participants will receive training and leadership guidance from experienced Street Ministry leaders, who will offer invaluable insights and support as they embark on this mission of service.

In addition to their outreach work, participants will enjoy moments of **joy through recreational activities** and be provided with accommodations that foster a supportive and nurturing environment. **The program is open to all young Catholics, regardless of prior experience**, and is designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to fully engage in the mission of serving the homeless with love and compassion.

For more information or to embark on this transformative journey, young Catholics are invited to visit the official website at catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon or contact Mildred Moy at mmoy@catholicstreetmissionaries.org.

In this sacred mission, let us embrace the teachings of our Catholic faith and answer Christ's call to serve those in need with hearts ablaze.

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/donate

Catholic Street Missionaries is a B.C. registered charity incorporated on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 3, 2016. We are endorsed by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Emeritus Archbishop Michael Miller is our spiritual director. We aim at developing young lay missionaries to reach out to the margins of society.

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