**"Following in the dust of the Rabbi."**

**FOCUS** - The **F**ellowship **o**f **C**atholic **U**niversity **S**tudents is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendships in which they lead others to do the same.

Four campuses in Wisconsin are home to FOCUS. Currently, the Diocese of La Crosse has one FOCUS mission, located in the Roncalli Newman parish. This parish and FOCUS mission serves the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse (UW-L), Western Technical College, and Viterbo University campuses.

Through the Roncalli Newman Parish currently, FOCUS has:

* Ninety-one students mentored in holiness and mission in the Discipleship groups
* 163 students attending Bible studies
* 125 students participated at the national conference
* Fifteen students will be serving the poor on mission trips this summer

In addition, in its eight years at the UW-L, FOCUS has produced many fruits. For example, one of our current diocesan priests, Father Joseph Richards, was a FOCUS Missionary before joining g the priesthood. Currently, from the UW-L, one male and one female have entered religious life, two young men have entered the seminary to discern the priesthood, and twelve others have gone on to join FOCUS and serve as missionaries on other college campuses.

At a time and age when 80% of the young adults abandon their faith, FOCUS not only nourishes the faithful young men and women. FOCUS also provides a home for those seeking more; those wishing to, as FOCUS Missionary Mariah Jackels describes, "follow in the dust of the Rabbi."

FOCUS is one of the most effective evangelization efforts aimed at young men and women. Bishop Callahan's goal is that every four-year University of Wisconsin campus in our dioceses have a FOCUS mission. Your contribution to the Diocesan Appeal Funds helps offset the annual expense of hosting the FOCUS missionaries. To support the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the many other ministries and evangelization efforts that it supports, consider making your investment in the Church today by clicking the donate now button

Did you know ….. more than 25 percent of religious women in the U.S. under the age of forty were involved with FOCUS!

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