



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



AMORIS CHRISTI  
*Of the love of Christ*

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# Compelled by Love

## A Mission of Transformation and Self-Gift

Amoris Christi means “Of the love of Christ.” The Love of Christ is our mission. We are possessed by this Love and belong to it in every way, together with all those who are equally captivated by the heart of Jesus. We are convinced that, after all is said and done, if we have lived without being consumed by this Love and transformed by it, if we have lived without sharing this Love with others, then our lives would be meaningless. The world in all its passing splendor is fading away (1 Cor 7:31) and only Love endures (1 Cor 13:8). This motivates the volunteers, staff, benefactors, and friends of Amoris Christi to strive for something infinitely greater than what the world offers. We aim high, and we train our leaders, ministers, and young people to do the same. We desire to bring out the full potential of each and every person in Christ (Col 1:28), in their character, intellect, creativity, and gifts. Since there is nothing greater than Love and there is “no greater Love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13), we challenge every disciple of Christ to offer everything in Love for God and for the world. In this way, we help people discover their remarkable capacity for self-gift that their lives might become meaningful, adventurous, and fruitful.

**Thank you for being a part of this wonderful ministry and sharing in our joy. May God bless you and multiply the fruit of all of your sacrifices.**



**Fr. Thomas Pulickal**

President  
Amoris Christi



# A *Life* Poured Out in Love

Looking back from the summer of 2022 onwards, I marvel at how it was all possible. *"He gives power to the faint, and He increases strength to him who has no might"* (Isaiah 40:29). Through countless days and nights, weekdays and weekends, without rest, we labored to serve in retreats, camps, conferences, and the sacred work of the School of Nazareth and Amoris Christi programs. The challenges were immense—staff salaries, rent, utilities, meals—but the grace was still plentiful.

We served over 33,000 meals, all without a chef on payroll. Through the work-study program, our team maintained the conference center and landscaped five acres of land. Together, we set up the campus, cooked, served, and cleaned for summer camps and retreats, partnering with Catholic and Christian ministries. These efforts covered a significant portion of our annual operating costs. Yet, there were moments when the weight of a \$25K deficit per School of Nazareth student or other pressing needs brought us to our knees. In those times, our beloved friends and beneficiaries extended their generous hands, embodying the love of Christ.

Was it all worth it? Couldn't there have been an easier way to fulfill the mission entrusted to us? These questions arise but fade when I witness the transformation of hearts and lives. Sitting in formation meetings or serving in silent retreats, I see students growing in character, leadership, and faith. Like Peter, seeing the abundance of fish, I repent in awe: *"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord"* (Luke 5:8).

This mission—God's mission—is one of obedience, humility, sacrifice, and service. It is a call to gratitude, marveling at how He *"guards us as the apple of His eye"* (Psalm 17:8). He hides us in the shadow of His wings and tenderly leads us to the heights by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The love and generosity of our community and the guidance of bishops, pastors, and spiritual directors sustain us.

Recently, I asked a School of Nazareth student what he desired most. His answer filled me with hope: "I desire to give Him everything—my future, career, vocation, and my whole life. I want to serve Him and live for His glory in my humanity." In his response, I heard the echo of Christ's call to each of us: to believe, to hope, to love, and to follow Him.

As we look ahead, we join hands with our staff, volunteers, and supporters, united in one purpose: to pour out our lives for His mission. *"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me... Then I said, 'See, I have come to do Your will, O God'"* (Hebrews 10:5-7).



**Sunil Nadarajan**  
Executive Director  
Amoris Christi



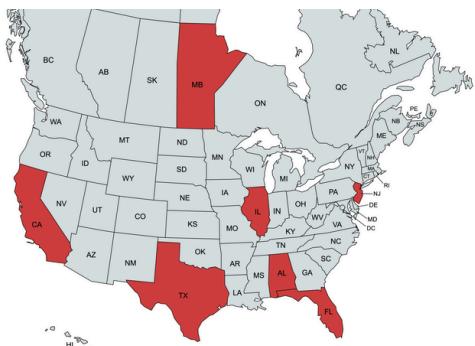
# SCHOOL OF NAZARETH

*Forming the Saints of This Generation*

School of Nazareth imparts an *education of heart* that helps a young person fulfill his highest calling by committing his whole self freely to God. In contrast to secular university education focusing on academic and professional training, our program nurtures the *art of living* the authentically human vocation. In the School of Nazareth, the students experience the healing closeness of Christ and personal growth, akin to Nazareth, where "*Jesus increased in wisdom and favor with God and man*" (Luke 2:52).



## PARTICIPANT STATISTICS



**USA:** Florida (11), Texas (6) California (2),

Illinois (1), New Jersey (1), Alabama (1)

**Canada:** Manitoba (1)

2024 - 2025

23  
Students

2023 - 2024: 21 students

## TESTIMONIALS



I wanted to grow as a purposeful Catholic woman in an environment that inspires development, and SoN has provided just that. Through reflections, retreats, and meaningful conversations, SoN has taught me to live my life as a gift to God, embracing His love and surrendering completely to Him. What a beautiful relief!



As a prospective seminarian, SoN has been a life-changing experience, giving me a space to grow in my faith and connect with the Lord in a deeper way. The Spirituality classes have been especially meaningful, helping me to see God, not as distant but as an intimate presence in my life. This program strengthens my Christian identity and mission.



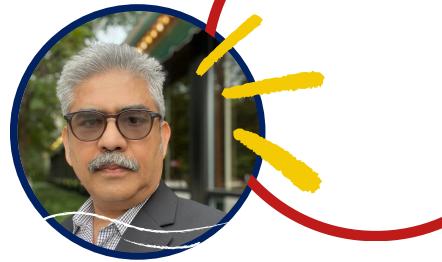
Prior to coming to SON, I was an extremely anxious person who couldn't handle the slightest stress. The program helped me to walk with the Lord in my anxious moments and chose my future path with confidence.



When I heard about SoN, I didn't hesitate. I always knew the typical college experience wasn't for me. Since being here, I've received so much. One of the most profound gifts has been learning to see myself as God sees me—as His beloved son. I've also learned to trust God fully, knowing He can fulfill every desire of my heart—Whether it's my vocation, school, finances, or relationships.

## Why did you send 3 of your 4 children to SoN?

We desired an environment that emphasizes the integration of faith and life, shaping individuals into well-rounded, mature adults. Witnessing my son's development in this program, his older brother and younger sister also enrolled in SoN. Even though we pay out-of-state tuition and the SoN fees, I believe this program is entirely worthwhile.



**Bose Philip | Dallas, TX**

## PROPAEDEUTIC FORMATION PROGRAM



In 2016, the Vatican mandated all dioceses worldwide to provide a propaedeutic stage to their programs of priestly formation. This stage is meant to be a pre-seminary experience which offers "a prolonged period of vocational discernment, of growth in the spiritual life and community life" (Ratio Fundamentalis, fn. 93). The principal objective of this stage being "to provide a solid basis for the spiritual life and to nurture a greater self-awareness for personal growth" (Ratio Fundamentalis, no. 59). In the Diocese of Palm Beach, we are blessed to have Amoris Christi's School of Nazareth housed within our diocese. We

believe this program is able to meet most of the formation requirements for this stage, with others being supplemented by the diocese. In the past three years, we have had six men participate in this program. Most have reported benefiting greatly from School of Nazareth by preparing them for seminary and priestly formation, or helping them make the decision to follow a different path in life. We look forward to continuing this partnership with Amoris Christi for years to come, and see the fruits it'll bear in our diocese, for those discerning the priesthood and for all in general.

**Fr. Daniel Daza Jaller**  
Vocations Director for Palm Beach Diocese, FL



# INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE

The Institute for Excellence is an outcome-oriented, multi-disciplinary research group at Amoris Christi that aims to shed light on the mystery of the human person and the paths to excellence.



## InSpirit Podcast

The InSpirit Podcast is an initiative of Amoris Christi Media. It is a long-format bi-weekly podcast that seeks to discover our calling to engage the world.

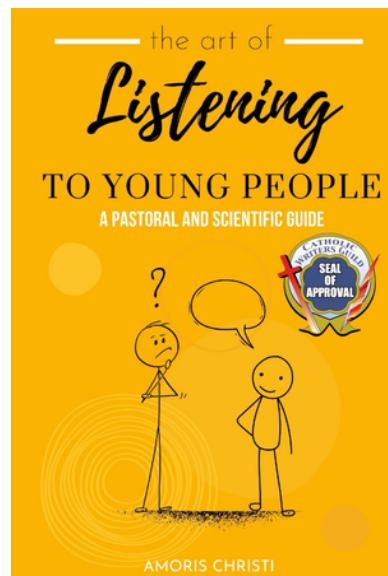




## Books

In August 2023, the Institute for Excellence released its first book, *The Art of Listening to Young People – A Pastoral and Scientific Guide*, published by En Route Publications. This work is the result of a collaborative effort involving experts in philosophy, theology, psychology, neurobiology, and medicine, who, alongside insights from over 200 surveyed young people, explored the essential role of listening in pastoral care.

The book has received notable endorsements from Christophe Cardinal Pierre (Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S.), Monsignor James P. Shea (President, University of Mary), and Bishop Joy Alappatt (St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago). Additionally, Bishop David Toups (Diocese of Beaumont) contributed the foreword. Recognized for its impact, the book was awarded the Catholic Writers Guild Seal of Approval and received an Honorable Mention at the Catholic Media Awards 2024 in the Youth and Young Adult Ministry category.



Available on  
 



## Seminars

The Institute for Excellence hosted a Listening to Young People seminar at the Amoris Christi Campus alongside the release of its book. With around 50 participants, the event was made possible through collaboration with the Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan.



## Publications

### Catholic Medical Association Annual Education Conference

In September 2024, "Listening—An Antidote to the Epidemic of Loneliness," Dr. Anthony Kunnumpurath, MD presented at the Catholic Medical Association Annual Education Conference in Orlando, Florida. The session utilized core concepts from the Institute for Excellence study on listening and was presented as a breakout during the conference. The Institute for Excellence authored its first academic paper — "Aretaic Friendship - A Multidisciplinary Enquiry" and was published as a theoretical essay in the Journal of Catholic Psychotherapy Association's academic journal - Integratus.



Integratus  
Publication

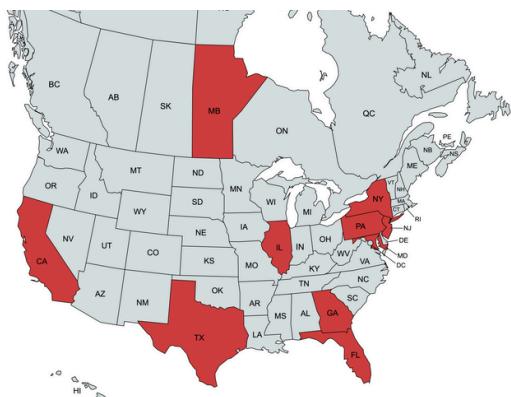
# ANOINTED & SENT



Anointed and Sent is a hybrid one-year Catholic formation program exclusively for young adults to deepen in their personal relationship with God, understanding of themselves, forming friendships and making an impact in the world. The program offers remote sessions over zoom, small group sharing, spiritual advisement and two in-person weekend gatherings with a special focus on prayer and relationships.



# Current Cohort



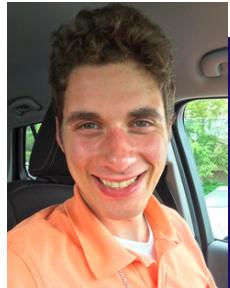
30  
participants

## Testimonials



I had been feeling very lukewarm in my faith and stuck in my ways for a while. It felt overwhelming trying to balance the responsibilities of my daily life with a self-imposed checklist of prayers and spiritual obligations—that I would often not complete, or would somewhat grudgingly recite rather than truly pray. ANS opened my eyes to how much more fulfilling it is to be in conversation with God and pursue His actual will for me, instead of trying to live up to the unrealistic expectations I set for myself.

**Rosemary Cherian**  
Medical Doctor | Kansas



Anointed and Sent helps me to experience God's love for me and mine for Him more deeply than I ever thought was possible. This class is truly accompanying me as Jesus brings our relationship from my head to my heart, and I can't recommend it more because He is using this class to deliver me to Him. Watch out though, you may just fall in love with Jesus like I have!

**Kevin Fein**  
Engineer | Pennsylvania



Spiritual accompaniment with a spiritual advisor and course companion has been life changing! They have each walked with me through highs and lows this past year in terms of spirituality and really brought forward what I have not been able to learn on my own. It has been truly the most beautiful of journeys to have two separate individuals who may or may not know you get to know you and walk with you—to affirm, to teach, to reflect with, and to guide. I am forever grateful for this blessing.

**Angel Pious**  
Occupational Therapist | Texas

## A&S WEEKEND

ANS Weekend is a time for our participants to "come home" to the Amoris Christi Campus for a weekend of rest, solitude, prayer, community, play, prayer and learning.





# AMORIS CHRISTI RETREATS

The experience of making The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in the 3,5,8 and 30-day retreat format can be life transforming. Pope Benedict XVI described The Spiritual Exercises as a “strong experience of God, sustained by listening to his Word... which in a climate of silence, prayer and by means of a spiritual guide, offer the capacity of discernment in order to purify the heart, convert one’s life to follow Christ, and fulfill one’s own mission in the Church and the world.”



After the unexpected loss of my husband, I was overcome with grief and felt completely lost. While in the difficult situation, a friend and mentor mentioned a silent retreat he was guiding at Amoris Christi. Though I had never heard of such a retreat before, I felt drawn to attend. During those three days, I encountered the Lord's profound love and presence. For the first time, I heard Him speaking to me, guiding my journey and renewing my life in Him.

Since then, I've participated in more silent retreats and continued my spiritual growth. These experiences have brought me a new life filled with peace, purpose, and the joy of walking closely with Jesus.

*Siby K.*  
Florida

I was part of the Anointed and Sent program when I first heard about the Amoris Christi Silent Retreats. I decided to attend a 3-day retreat, not knowing exactly what to expect. As an extrovert, I couldn't imagine how I'd spend three days in complete silence. On the first day, after just one Holy Hour, I felt like I'd worked 40 hours straight. I was exhausted, yet something profound was happening within me. Over the next three days, the Lord spoke to me very clearly, revealing deep wounds from my childhood and early life that I had long buried and forgotten. By the end of the retreat, I truly felt as though the Lord had given me a new heart, healing me from the pain I had carried for so long. Since then, I've experienced a newfound freedom and joy in every area of my life—within my family and in the work I do.

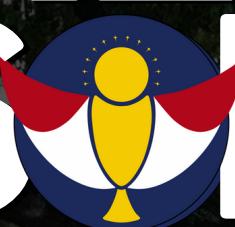
This retreat wasn't just a break from the world; it was a profound journey of healing and transformation.

*Allen V.*  
Texas



30-day retreat participants at University of St. Mary the Lake Conference Center

# SUMMER IN THE SON



Summer in the SoN offers high schoolers a place to seek, inquire and connect with their thoughts and feelings in Christ amidst a world of distractions. This weeklong camp helps teens ignite their faith and virtuous friendships, growing in personal autonomy and missionary impulse. Participants discover a life rooted in Christ's love and truth through reflective prayer, engaging activities, friendship, accompaniment, sacraments, reflective prayer, and scripture meditation.



We surveyed all participants before and after the camp:



**92%**

reported a significant positive change in their relationship with God.



**97%**

would recommend to their family and friends



## PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

I loved this and the joy it has brought me. I am so grateful for this amazing experience and encounter with Christ. This new journey that I am willing to accept and continue for the rest of the life will inspire others with much joy. I will try my hardest to change all those who are struggling and need help and bring them joy the same way Christ has.

“ **Camper**  
Camp 2 | 2024

“It was a really great camp and I was able to grow and learn so much from it. Many of my friends and myself included had life changing experiences. I had a really really great experience and I would definitely recommend to my friends.”

“ **Camper**  
Camp 3 | 2024



# Why JOIN?

## Guided Support

Dedicated camp counselors accompany each small group throughout the camp.

## Power of Leisure

Games, sports, and outdoor activities that embrace human virtues.

## Groups

Small groups facilitate the expression of their thoughts and opinions and helps them gain confidence.

## Shared Journey

Participants experience a community and friends that inspire and connect.

## Pedagogy of Faith

Participants learn to relate desires, thoughts, and feelings to Christ, to embrace the life of the Trinity within us.

## Accompaniment

Staff and counselors challenge their current world views, perspectives, and understanding that hinder their unique self-worth and giftedness.

## Faith Encounters

Mass, Eucharistic adoration, music, impactful sessions, workshops, and reflective prayer create spaces to encounter Christ

# 2025

## Dates & Details

### CAMP 1

June 17 - June 23

### CAMP 2

June 26 - July 2



**Learn more!**

[schoolofnazareth.org/summer](http://schoolofnazareth.org/summer)

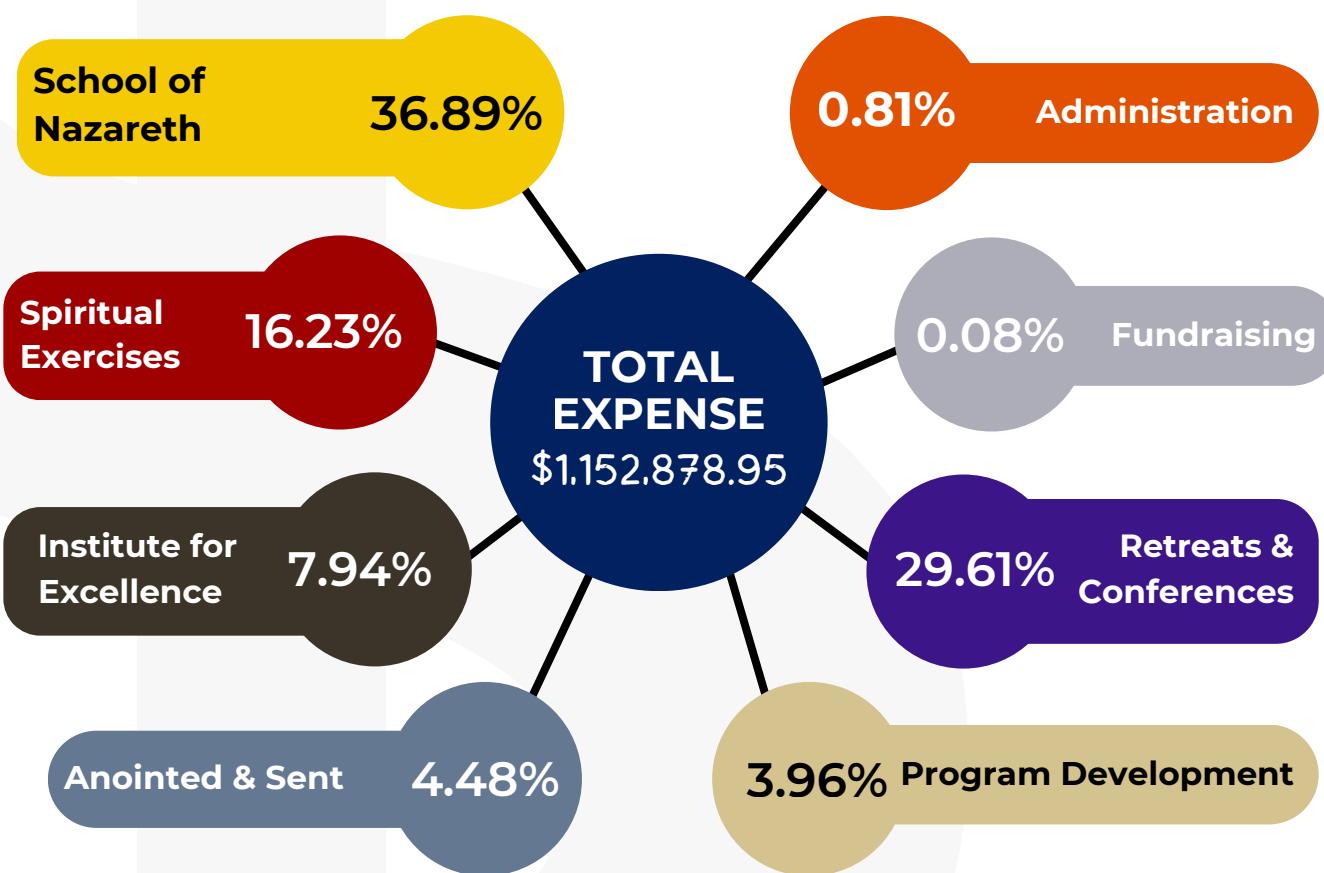
# FINANCE

Calendar Year 2024



## TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,187,080.69



## NET REVENUE:

\$34,201.74



# OUTREACH



## Flannery Pilgrimage

12 pilgrims including priests and seminarians went on the "Pilgrimage of Grace" to immerse themselves in the life, homes, churches & writings of Flannery O'Connor - a "pivotal" figure in American Catholicism and literature. Visits included her childhood home and Cathedral in Savannah, the archives at Georgia State College and University and Andalusia farm, setting of her stories and final resting place in Milledgeville.

## Helping with Parenting Seminar

Our *Helping with Parenting* seminar, held in Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, empowers parents to shift from a directive, control-focused approach to a more guiding and supportive style. The goal is to nurture integrated children—balanced in body, mind, and spirit—by fostering meaningful family connections, encouraging quality time, and creating a secure environment built on trust and accountability. Parents will discover how to cultivate freedom and responsibility, transforming the family into a space where children thrive through guidance rather than strict direction.



## Confirmation & Catechists Retreat

Amoris has been grateful to host high school students from 3 different parishes in the local diocese to help them to encounter Christ and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. The catechists from the local Syro-Malabar parish took a day to deepen in prayer and get trained on how to better 'listen to young people,' based on our ACIE research. The day included stories, sharing and practical tips to empower the teachers. We have also conducted these catechist seminars in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Syro-Malabar parishes.

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# LOCAL MISSIONS



## Taizé Weekend

Friends and families from local faith communities and parishes were invited for a weekend with Taizé called "Together, Opening Paths of Hope". Brother Emile from Taizé shared about the spirituality of Taizé and many stories of Brother Roger and the community's life and also led Taizé prayer 3 times a day. Participants of different ages shared meals, experiences and learned about various topics from poetry to perseverance to hope. Bishop Dumas of Anse-au-Veaux Haiti also joined for one of the evening prayers.

## Old Age Home

Many residents of the local nursing home experience feelings of isolation and abandonment. To help bring joy and foster connection, we participate in monthly family nights and organize an annual Christmas caroling event with local children. Each event, whether big or small, brings warmth and happiness to the lives of the elderly.

## Lantana Mission

A group of School of Nazareth students and staff participate in a Jesus Youth tutoring mission in Lantana, FL every Tuesday during the academic year. They assist over 20 children in improving their communication, artistic skills, math abilities, and other life skills. Through this ongoing local mission, the SoNs build friendships with the kids and gradually share the faith with them. The kids come back each week excited to see the SoNs and other volunteers to learn something new or play a game together.



## Belle Glades

School of Nazareth student's and staff served the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade, FL over the course of the year through a one-day outreach program involving activities and talks for the kids at the parish; a week-long mission trip – visiting families, teaching CCD, and helping around the church; and a weekend confirmation retreat for the kids from the parish here at Amoris Christi. Through these experiences we were able to share the Gospel with hundreds of the youth and parents from St. Philip Benizi and develop friendships that will carry into future years.



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