

THE ABUNDANT LIFE

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Hello from Kansas!

Thank you so much for supporting me on mission! Here's a glimpse into what life looked like this January, particularly at SEEK!



This year one of my jobs was to be the seek liaison for our campus. This entailed organizing and facilitating our travel, lodging, and payments for all students. It was a joy to serve our students and campus in this way!

SEEK TO THE HEIGHTS

SEEK26 was split into three locations this year. We attended in Denver, Colorado and other locations were Fort Worth, Texas and Columbus, Ohio. This was my fourth Seek conference and experiencing it as a missionary and liaison was unique in itself. I got to witness my students encounter the LORD in a new way through community, prayer, the sacraments, and incredible talks. In addition, I had the opportunity to see and visit with friends from Creighton, and missionaries from other campuses! Here are some highlights from the conference!



SEEK26 HIGHLIGHTS!

ATTENDANCE

There was a total of 5,970+ in attendance in Denver with 140 from Wichita! There were 26,600+ across all three locations!



RELIGIOUS

There were 56 Bishops, 784 Priests, and 492 seminarians across all three locations!



CONFESSIONS

There were 5,300 confessions heard in five days between all three locations!

It is not about these numbers, but about what they indicate! There is so much hope and joy in the youth in the Church!!

from the students:

"I went to Seek for the first time this year and was given the incredible privilege of singing in the Seek volunteer choir for all the masses. I even got to cantor at one mass! This enhanced my experience of Seek because I was able to contribute my time and talent to help elevate the mass. In addition to singing in the choir, I attended many talks, explored the Seek store, and even got to go to dinner with one of the Capuchin friars there! Many Christ-centered memories were made with both friends and people I had never met before. I left Seek filled with a passion to keep living out my faith fearlessly and to pursue a deeper relationship with Christ!"

Gianna L, Freshman

"Attending SEEK brought me closer to my faith in ways I didn't expect. Over the last year I have been attending OCIA as I prepare to be baptized and confirmed in the Church this Easter. While at SEEK, I grew in my relationship with God and our Blessed Mother Mary and gained a deeper love and understanding for the sacraments. Going to Confession and sitting in Adoration on the third day lifted a heavy burden from my heart, and I found myself in tears out of pure gratitude. I was reminded that Christ bore the cross so that I don't have to carry my burdens alone, and that I can lay all of my struggles at the feet of the Lord. SEEK taught me more about what it means to be a disciple and remind me to be gentle with myself, trusting that God created us with love and mercy despite the sin in the world. I am incredibly grateful for everyone in the parish and our FOCUS missionaries who made it possible for me to attend SEEK this year!"

Emily M, Freshman

"Returning to Seek for the third year I was reminded how intentionally God meets us when we choose to show up. Each year he continues to deepen my faith and reveal more about who I am in Him. Through mass, adoration, and powerful speakers, I was challenged to trust in God fully and surrender areas of my life I had been holding onto. As a member of Greek life on campus, Seek showed me firsthand how faith lived authentically can be truly life changing and it inspired me to carry that joy and love for Christ back into my everyday relationships."

Cassady Y, Senior

“from dust we have
come but to glory we
are called”

Fr Mark- Mary Ames CFR



Link to Seek Replay

If you'd like to learn more about the Seek conference or hear the talks check out Seekreplay.com to watch them all! You can create a free account and access all homilies and talks across all the locations. PS. they are adding talks each day.

My student's and team's favorites:

- Dr Matthew Breuninger's Relationship keynote
- Ben Ackers: Biblical Discipleship
- Fr Mark-Mary's Rebellion keynote



Olivia's Outtakes

- Song: *Adonai* by Chris Renzema
- Seek talk: Logan Burda's Let's Evangelize keynote
- Scripture: "...if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" [1 Samuel 3:9](#)

Prayer Requests

- For students as they start the Spring semester
- For students attending our Father's House retreat at the end of February
- For Greek students on campus, that they may attend a Bible Study and encounter Christ

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