

Alumni In FOCUS

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Matthew Selba '16

Justin Woodbury '15

Justin Woodbury '15 and Matthew Selba '16 are literally in FOCUS. FOCUS is the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a “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” (from the FOCUS Website). Founded in 1998, this organization partners with chaplains and campus ministers to reach out to students where they are: in the dorms, on the field, at the student union and in every corner of campus. Through outreach events and one-on-one conversations, students make meaningful connections with members of Christ’s body — growing in friendships, sharing life as a Catholic student and coming together in authentic community. FOCUS trains graduates to be a part of this outreach as FOCUS missionaries.



Matt attended Mt. St. Mary’s University where he became a member of FOCUS, and now is in his first year of service at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. He says the following about his purpose: “As a missionary, my greatest desire is to lead all students to Christ. My life has been transformed by Jesus, and I want nothing more than to bring this joy to others and introduce them to the life-changing message of the Gospel. The mission is not accomplished through convincing, but through conviction.

I’ve been constantly amazed by the different souls I’ve encountered on campus.” Matt has worked with the homeless, the Carnegie Mellon Students, the Oratory, and in the greater Pittsburgh Community. He lives in a small community with other male missionaries. He is excited about what he is doing and enjoys it.

Both Justin and Matt, in addition to making a two-year commitment, also agree to help fund their ministry. Matt explains: “When I answered the call to join FOCUS, I made the decision to rely on the spiritual and financial support of mission partners to help me through this mission. I’ve been blessed with the most amazing people who have journeyed with me as I serve on campus.”

To offer encouragement or financial support, one can reach Justin at Justin.woodbury@focus.org and Matt at matthew.selba@focus.org.



Justin met FOCUS at Towson University and it made a big difference in his life. A FOCUS missionary there “showed me what it means to devote a life to Christ,” he said. “Through that experience as a young college student, I felt a desire to help students dive deeper in their faith and to really pursue a relationship with Christ. That was the moment that I felt a calling to ministry with college students.” After graduation, he made a 2-year commitment to being a FOCUS missionary. He received training and was

then assigned to the FOCUS team at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. He is currently in his second year there and “You’ll typically find me hanging out at the nearest coffee shop on campus, at the CCM chapel, or high-fiving people around campus.”

