

# The Adventure Continues

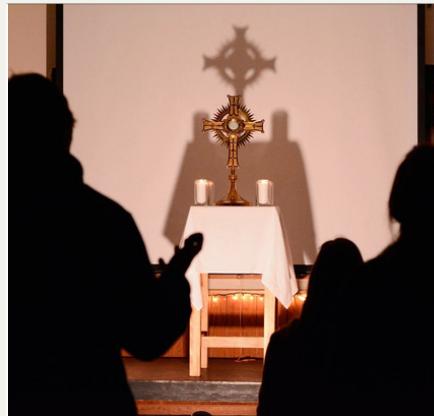
## MY LIFE AS A MINNESOTEXAN

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### GREETINGS FROM MINNEAPOLIS!



Our team went apple picking for a staff day away. It was raining and freezing but still so much fun!



I took this picture during Eucharistic Adoration at our fall retreat. It was a powerful, life-changing weekend!



A group of students and I dressed as some of "America's Greatest Heroes" for Halloween.

Hello, all! This semester has been moving so fast; I can hardly believe that Thanksgiving is almost here. Before I know it, I'll be back in Texas for Christmas Break! Some highlights since my last newsletter:

**I went to my first University of Minnesota football game:** tailgating and watching college football felt just like home! I had so much fun watching the Gophers play Kent State!

**Fall retreat:** The Newman Center fall retreat was at the end of October. You can read more about it on the next page!

**Household life:** We are in the full swing of household life and it has been great. To the right is a picture of the women I get to live and share life with this year. I love them so much! (Pictured from top: Kayla, Hannah C., Hannah L., Alex, me, Ariel, Monica)



**Gopher Catholic Nights:** Every Tuesday night, we gather together in the student union as the Newman Center community to have fellowship and to grow deeper in our faith. I recently gave a talk on Everyday Faith!

**Back to Texas:** At the end of September I flew back to San Marcos for a weekend to celebrate the wedding of my dear friend Haley to her now-husband, Zack. It was so nice to be back in the Lone Star State to see my friends and a few members of my support team!

**Formation:** SPO's Formation in Christian Living program is one of the things that sets SPO apart from other organizations. We are well into the semester, and have spent the past month or so meeting separately as men and women and learning about how we uniquely experience freedom and depth of relationship with the Lord. It has been so fruitful and God has been doing so much!





## HEARTS BEING CHANGED

The Lord has been doing a lot up here at the University of Minnesota, and I am so honored that He has called and chosen me to be a part of it. The picture above is of all of the students that went on the Catholic Students United fall retreat at the end of October. I was the main photographer for the weekend, so I was in a unique place to be able to simply stand back and watch lives and hearts be changed by encountering the true presence of Jesus Christ.

One of the freshman girls I have been reaching out to this year, Elizabeth, had an especially profound experience on the retreat. She recently wrote about it on the SPO Minnesota blog (the post is called, "The Real Prince Charming," if you would like to read the whole thing - I highly recommend doing so!)

"LOVE ISN'T PRINCE CHARMING SWEEPING ME OFF MY FEET. LOVE IS JESUS CHRIST DYING FOR ME, KNOWING THAT I WOULD REJECT HIS LOVE AND HATE HIS CREATION- MYSELF- FOR FIVE YEARS, AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT WHOLE TIME...HE FOUND ME BEAUTIFUL, DESIRABLE, AND LOVABLE."

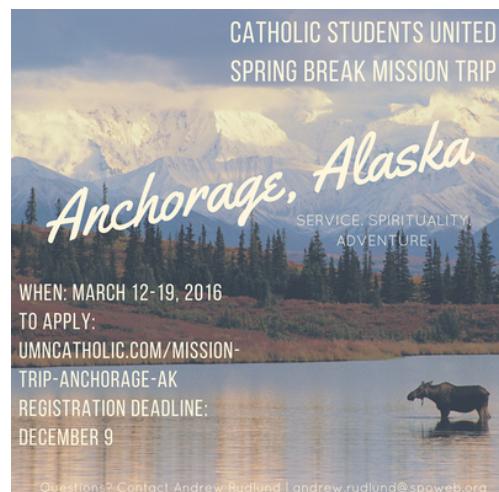
This is what I get to do for a living - I get to see Jesus Christ change people's lives every single day. It is extremely humbling and such an honor to see the Lord's grace in action. And I get to do it because I have your support. Thanksgiving is coming up fast, and all of you are at the top of my list of things I am thankful for this year. Thank you for all of your prayers, love, and support as I have been embarking on this mission this semester. Truly, I would not be able to be on this mission without your support.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much again. May God bless you abundantly. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

## I'M GOING TO ALASKA!

This spring break, I am helping lead a mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska! We will be taking 16 students up to Anchorage for a week to work with Catholic Social Services at different women's and homeless shelters, as well as food banks. We will also get to explore the beauty of the state through hiking trips and adventures.

Please pray for us as we begin to plan and students begin to apply!



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For **the women in my household** that they may continue to seek the Lord with their whole hearts and whole lives
- For the **Alaska Mission Trip** coming up this spring break; for the students who will be attending, for our planning, and for our fundraising efforts!
- For **students applying to live in household next year**
- For **students applying to be mission leaders next year**
- For continued **good health** within our team and our students. Winter is coming!
- For the **Formation Retreat** this coming weekend!