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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Kerry Keyser

Congratulations Charlevoix Campus Encounter School of Ministry Class of 2026!

These men and women stand among the Saints in living the supernatural lifestyle that Jesus commissioned every baptized Christian to live. When they pray, God shows up in powerful ways and Jesus comes alive to those receiving prayer. They experience such joy every time they step out in faith to release the Father's love to those the Lord brings in their path.

On May 17th we honored our second graduating class with family and friends in a moving celebration of joy with powerful testimonies of the transformation experienced by our graduates. Many guests were deeply inspired by the witness of our graduates and the peace they walk in due to the freedom they've experienced through Christ these past two years.

Are you curious to see if the Lord may be inviting you to grow in your faith and equip you to better share your faith with others? If so, we invite you to join us for 4 evenings to experience the teachings and culture of our Encounter School of Ministry. If you've joined us in the past, we welcome your return as the Lord always has more ways He desires to bless us and fill us.

**Join us Monday, June 15th - Thursday, June 18th, 6-9pm each evening
at St. Mary's Parish in Charlevoix for our "Summer Intensive".**

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EXCITING NEWS!

Construction Update

Our future home site is coming along. The demolition phase is just about complete and preparations for interior framing are in the works. We are excited to be designing the interior to be a beautiful, warm and inviting place of prayer and ministry.



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Power Evangelization Outing, Petoskey, MI

Part of the Year 2 curriculum includes growing in our ability to go beyond the walls of the Church to share our faith and minister to those in need in our communities. One Saturday morning in May, our Year 2 students and Leadership Team met at St. Francis to pray before being sent out 2 by 2 to various stores in town to pray with people the Lord brought in our path.

"We are on a prayer walk, is there anything you'd like prayer for?"

A significant number of people said, "yes." Like the disciples, we all returned back to St. Francis to share our "God stories" of how the Lord blessed the people we encountered.

A woman asked for prayers for her brother who just had a stroke.

After receiving prayer, she tearfully hugged our prayer team with gratitude.

A woman with chronic bronchitis, scar tissue in her lungs from pneumonia, and polyps in her nasal passages, very eagerly received prayer and immediately felt the Holy Spirit come upon her. She felt her lungs open up and peace filled her lungs and entire body. She also felt heat on her head and was extremely grateful for our prayers.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Retreat, Conway, MI

Fr. Patrick Maher is an advocate for Encounter Charlevoix and invited Kerry Keyser to facilitate the DCCW's retreat along with some ESM alumni women. The retreat, falling after Easter, was entitled "The Promised Gift of the Father, Acts 1:4" All of the women were incredibly moved by our Scriptural deep dive and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Many were inspired to read the Bible more!

Cross In The Woods, Indian River, MI

In April, our ESM prayer teams returned to Cross In The Woods to pray after all the Masses for physical healing and prophetic words of encouragement from the Lord. The following are a few testimonies of people who received prayer.

"I can't believe I almost passed up this opportunity to receive prayer.

I had no idea how much I needed it!"

"I feel such profound peace now about our family situation!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fire of Love

St. Mary Parish Charlevoix

June 10 & 24, 2026

July : None this month

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Summer Intensive

St Mary Parish Charlevoix

June 15-18, 2026

<https://encountercharlevoix.fox.com/summer-intensive-2026>

Encounter Conference

Devos Place, Grand Rapids

July 8-10, 2026

<https://encounterministries.us/conference/>

Encounter School of

Ministry, Charlevoix

Campus

2026 School Year Begins

September 14, 2026

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TESTIMONIES

"My Year 2 classmate and I exercised spirit-led boldness and trust in our Lord on our Power Evangelization outing at Meijer in Petoskey.

God led us to an older couple in the health and pharmacy aisle and we asked them if we could pray for healing or miracles or anything that they needed from the Lord. As we visited, we learned about their 60 year Christian marriage and their lifetime of mission and service to the Kingdom of God.

They were eager to learn more about Encounter Ministries and could not believe that Catholics were out preaching about Jesus's love and seeking to pray for others!

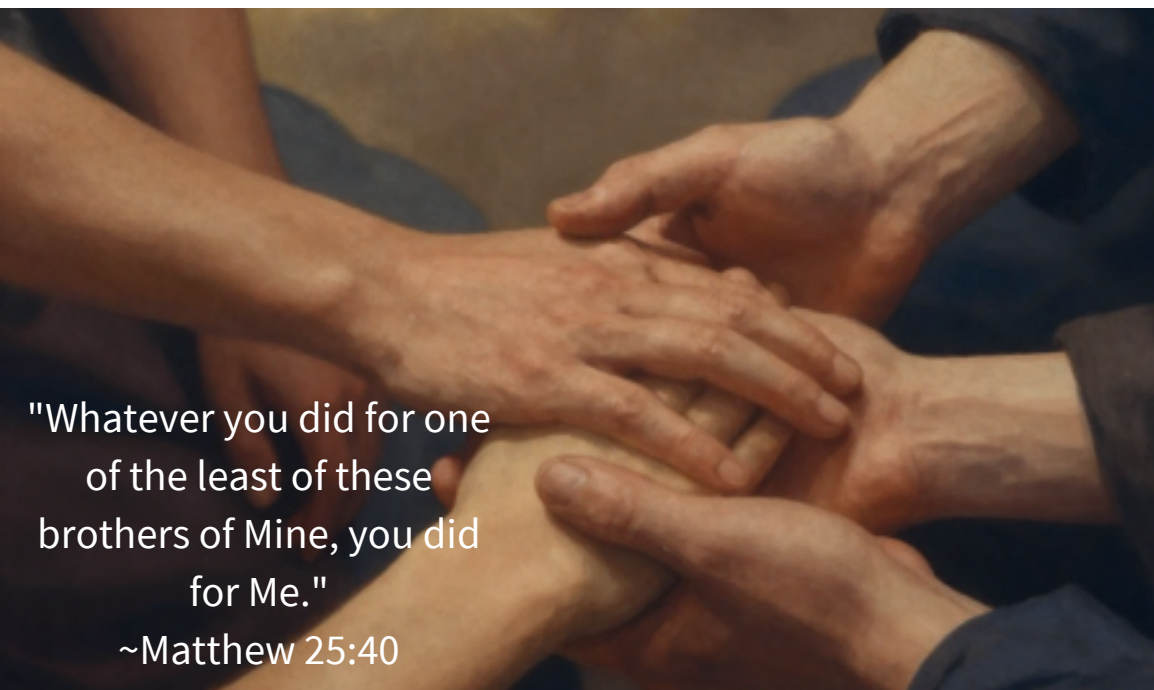
We shared with them the "Jesus at the door" tool, and prayed over them for strength and physical refreshment. They shared how they evangelized, and even prayed for us, that God would bless us and use us as we prayed for others that day.

It was a time of great encouragement and fellowship, and we all agreed that God meant for us to connect that morning in the shaving cream section!

My classmate and I walked away renewed and so joy filled. We continued to share Christ's love with dozens of other shoppers and workers at the store."

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

~Romans 12:2



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."

~Matthew 25:40

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With gratitude for all your prayers and support,
Kerry

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