

FOCUS National Events

Since the inaugural FOCUS conference held in 1999, where 25 students came together to pray, deepen their Catholic faith and learn how to share it with others, FOCUS projects that more than 100,000 people will attend a national FOCUS conference in the next five years, facilitating a deeper encounter with Christ and increased zeal for evangelization for attendees. SEEK21, Feb. 4 – 7, 2021, will be an interactive, immersive event that brings thousands together in small groups to encounter the heart of the Gospel and share it with others.

SEEK

SEEK is a one-of-a-kind event that offers attendees an opportunity to personally grow in their faith or to encounter Jesus Christ for the first time.

[SEEK21](#) is FOCUS' first-ever live broadcast event, hosted February 4 – 7, 2021. SEEK21 is an immersive, interactive experience centered on the Gospel, where thousands gather as small groups to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope, and salvation.

SEEK21 is built on a foundation of in-person, small group experiences among friends and family members who will listen to the talks together and dive into deep conversations about faith, the Gospel and missionary discipleship. Designed to be experienced in community, SEEK21 discussions and activities will facilitate opportunities for the Holy Spirit to stir hearts in unique ways, whether through robust conversation, shared meals or fun activities between sessions. Prayer and participation in the sacraments are integral parts of SEEK21 and will encourage people to reflect on God's will in their lives. The Worldwide Prayer Vigil will join thousands of people together to ask God for an outpouring of His Spirit, for healing in today's culture and our Church, and for the evangelization of all nations.

The energizing SEEK21 video can be found here: [SEEK21 Promo Video](#). The SEEK21 press release can be found online at [SEEK21 Casts Wider Net and Offers Live Experience Like Never Before](#).

[SEEK2019](#) was held in Indianapolis, January 3 – 7, 2019. College students from across the country were challenged and inspired through the Collegiate Track by nationally recognized speakers who discussed hot topics relevant to young adults on campus. Chaplains and campus ministers participated in the Campus Ministry Track to receive insight and encouragement for creating dynamic and fruitful college campus ministries. The Lifelong Mission Track helped FOCUS alumni, parishioners and benefactors who desired the vision, training and resources to be missionary disciples in families, parishes and careers. SEEK2019 included daily opportunities for Mass, adoration, confession, reflection and discernment.

SLS (Student Leadership Summit)

SLS is a leadership event previously hosted by FOCUS for any Catholic who wants to learn how to live as a true missionary disciple and help bring their friends, families, campuses, workplaces, parishes and communities into a deeper relationship with Christ. SLS offered dynamic training and revolutionary peer-to-peer learning techniques to equip student leaders, launching them into mission back on campus.

[SLS20: You Were Made for Mission](#) was hosted in Phoenix, Arizona, December 30, 2019 – January 3, 2020. Nearly 9,000 attendees came together with FOCUS leaders and other catechetical and evangelization experts from across the country to delve deep into the vision of missionary discipleship and receive the practical tools and tips for making missionary disciples on campuses, in families, at parishes and in communities. More information can be found at [sls20.org](#).

[SLS18](#) attendees included students, staff, missionaries, chaplains, seminarians, alumni, benefactors and Catholic lay persons. SLS18 also included a Lifelong Mission Track for post-college attendees to learn how to deepen their own faith and share it at their parish, at work and with friends and family.

Jim Caviezel, who played the role of Jesus in “The Passion of the Christ,” was a surprise guest during the Wednesday evening keynote. Caviezel, who stars in the 2018 film “Paul, Apostle of Christ,” encouraged attendees to be warriors animated by faith. The video of his speech has been viewed more than a million times: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9z-dMQjRBE>.