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.

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.

SEEK22 will take place December 30 – January 3, 2022, at Salt Lake City. SEEK22 will unite thousands across the country to encounter the heart of the Gospel and share it with others. Similar to past events, SEEK22 will involve opportunities for prayer and the sacraments, sessions and keynotes with Catholic speakers, opportunities for discussion and fellowship, and evening entertainment. Attendance options are available for students and the general public, with remote registration options similar to SEEK21 being available for certain groups. More information about the event can be found at seek.focus.org/seek22.

Past SEEK Events
SEEK21 was FOCUS’ first-ever live broadcast event, hosted February 4 – 7, 2021. SEEK21 was an immersive, interactive experience centered on the Gospel, built on a foundation of in-person, small group experiences among friends and family members who participated in the sessions together and dove into deep conversations about faith and missionary discipleship between shared meals and fun activities. Prayer and participation in the sacraments were integral parts of SEEK21 and encouraged people to reflect on God’s will in their lives. The Worldwide Prayer Vigil brought together thousands of people around the globe 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. More than 27,000 people participated in SEEK21, including nearly 1,900 parishes.

The energizing SEEK21 video can be found here: SEEK21 Promo Video. The SEEK21 press release can be found online: Immersive SEEK21 Experience Challenges and Inspires 27,000+ to Encounter Christ and Share the Gospel.

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 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.