



Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda:

“I’m excited by the opportunity to go beyond being an admirer of SPO to actually rolling up my sleeves and joining the Board in its prayerful discernment of how best to support the national leadership team and Missionaries as they seek to reach out to college students and young adults around our nation, inviting them into a transformative encounter with Christ. I have been deeply impressed by the vision and commitment of the Board members and I am looking forward to getting to know them, as well as SPO’s Leadership. I am convinced that SPO is the work of the Holy Spirit and a blessing for our Church, and I realize that it has borne such great fruit on so many campuses only because of the concrete generosity of its donors and alumni.”

- *Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis and current Chairman of the National Board for SPO. SPO has been under his ecclesiastical vigilance from 2016 to present day.*

Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens:

“SPO is one of the organizations making an incredible contribution to evangelizing university students. The Missionaries of SPO are the “first responders” on the front lines of the Church’s mission on campus. They are making the Church present where you and I cannot. They are reaching college students who are often far from God, yet are still searching for truth that satisfies the deepest desires of their hearts. I am so grateful for the profound impact in which the Lord used SPO to deepen my own conversion and prepared me to discern and say yes to the call to priesthood. These men and women serve as bold witnesses of hope and love to our world in the midst of tremendous isolation and loneliness.

It is often during times of difficulty and trial that we discover, in a deeper way, our need for the Lord and our need for one another. When things are stripped away, we learn that friendship with Jesus Christ and the life He offers is all that truly matters. That is what SPO offers. When you support SPO, you are giving that chance to help our young people to encounter Jesus and His Church in a new life-changing way.”

- *Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, Diocese of Crookston, MN, former SPO National Board Chair and SPO Alumnus, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization & Catechesis.*

Text from Bishop Cozzens [video on website](#):

“One of the beauties of when I moved into an SPO Household for the first time is that I learned how to pray, learned about the value of the sacraments, and lived with other men who were going to confession and to daily mass. These things had a profound impact on me....Really, SPO taught me the heart of an evangelist. That is, it gave me the courage to reach out to other students on campus and begin to make friends for Christ.”



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes:

“I am impressed with the witness given by the young people involved with SPO. Many alumni have remained in the Columbus-area and are contributing to the vitality of our parishes and remain committed to the work of the New Evangelization.”

- *Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, 2022, in a letter to David Fischer after he became the new SPO President*

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann:

“I’m so grateful to Saint Paul’s Outreach...SPO helps young people develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and a love for His bride the Church, and then they help to form them to have a deep life of prayer. We need ministries like SPO now more than ever.”

- *Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, March 2020*

“Saint Paul’s Outreach is an active, effective, and Catholic outreach that serves young men and women in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. I am thankful for the work of Saint Paul’s Outreach in helping us to implement the New Evangelization, especially with the young adult community in the Archdiocese.

By providing authentic Catholic environments for young adults and students, SPO impacts universities, colleges, community colleges, and young professionals at a critical time where there is a great need to be known personally, to be loved as a child of the Father, and to hear the Gospel. SPO is a movement that is committed to bringing young adults, both in college and after college, to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Saint Paul’s Outreach Kansas Mission Center is worth supporting through time, finances, and prayers.

I offer my episcopal support for Saint Paul’s Outreach and continue to pray for their success in reaching the young adult community in the Archdiocese.”

- *Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, August 2014*

Most Reverend James V. Johnston:

“I want to lend my thanks to SPO and the many blessings that it brings into lives of so many. I’m grateful for the presence of Saint Paul’s Outreach. SPO is one of the apostolates in our area that is really doing great work.”

- *Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, March 25, 2021 at the [SPO Virtual Prayer Banquet](#)*

Joseph Cardinal Tobin:



“I am deeply encouraged by the work of Saint Paul's Outreach (SPO) in the Archdiocese of Newark and across the country. In partnership with my brother bishops, as well as with the leaders of colleges and universities, 200 young SPO missionaries are heeding the exhortation of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to "embark upon a new chapter of evangelization* and blaze "new paths for the Church's journey." (Evangelii Gaudium)

- *Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, April 2017*

Timothy Cardinal Dolan:

“For more than 30 years, Saint Paul's Outreach has worked on college campuses, producing thousands of alumni who are passionate followers of our Risen Lord, and who have remained active, faith-filled leaders in their local parish communities.”

- *Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, April 2017*

Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted:

“Saint Paul's Outreach represents an active and effective apostolate whose service in the Diocese of Phoenix at Arizona State University has already produced great fruit. By providing authentic community for Young Adults and students, the evangelistic outreach of SPO impacts the large suburban university where there is critical need of being known by name, being loved as a son or daughter of the Father, and hearing the Gospel.

SPO continues to represent a movement which is "Ex Corde Ecclesiae", born from the heart of the Church, and committed to bringing University students to the truth.

I offer my episcopal support, and pray for their continued success in serving the students and community at Arizona State University.”

- *Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, January 2014*

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell:

“This movement has been a blessing to our diocese. Their most evident fruit is the maturity that is formed in the young men and women they evangelize. This has helped to produce an increase in religious and priestly vocations as well as many dedicated Catholic marriages in the Diocese of Columbus.

SPO is dedicated to the New Evangelization and has shown itself to be faithful to the magisterial teaching of the Church. I gladly recommend them to you.”

- *Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D. Bishop of Columbus, December 2012, in a letter to Most Reverend Dennis Schnurr of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati*



Most Reverend John J. Meyers:

“We should be even more thankful than ever before that the young men and women of Saint Paul’s Outreach are working to bring the gospel message to their peers at the college level and helping to foster the formation of conscience and moral values based on the words and actions of Jesus, His Apostles, and the magisterium of the Church.”

- *Most Reverend John J. Meyers, Archbishop of Newark, June 2012*

Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn:

“I wholeheartedly endorse Saint Paul's Outreach. It is a forerunner in the "New Evangelization" called for by Pope John Paul II. Saint Paul's Outreach helps young Catholics to experience the life-changing message of the Gospel, to awaken and grow their faith to maturity.

The college years are a crucial time of decision-making, when many young adults face their toughest decisions and experience crises in their faith. They need guidance and living examples in order to grow and mature the faith into which they were baptized. Saint Paul's Outreach ministers to young adults at this critical time in their lives.

Saint Paul's Outreach is a tremendous resource for the formation of these young adults; it is an oasis in a sea of turmoil. An amazing number of our young priests and religious found their calling as a result of this ministry.

Many others are prepared, through this ministry, for lives of discipleship in marriage, family, and our community.

Saint Paul's Outreach is one of the finest jewels in the crown of this Archdiocese because of the fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church, the affection for the Holy Father and his teaching, and the embracing of the entire gospel of the Church including something that is all too often forgotten: a reverence for the other and a kindness that is born out of a knowledge of Jesus Christ.”

- *Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D., Archbishop of St Paul and Minneapolis, 2004. SPO was under his ecclesiastical vigilance from 1994 to 2008.*