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MEET THE 2016-2017 NET TEAMS

We are excited to introduce you to our **173 NET missionaries** this year - our biggest year yet! With these **16 teams**, we plan to reach 90,000 young people with the Gospel message, giving those young people the opportunity to hear and respond to God's call to become a disciple.

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF MINISTRY



1981

First NET team forms, travels to 9 dioceses

1987

First international NET team member serves

Train 8 teams annually

1989

St. Paul, MN Catholic Youth Center closes: NET moves to a temporary location in West St. Paul, Minnesota

1990

NET Australia is formed, office opens in Brisbane

1991

Purchase, move to, and remodel what is now the National Headquarters in West St. Paul, Minnesota



This year marks 35 years of ministry for NET Ministries in the United States. In that time, we've:

- Reached **1.7 million young Catholics**;
- Conducted more than **30,000 retreats**;
- Opened **4 international branches** and **2 regional offices**;
- Trained **294 teams** and nearly **2,600** team members.



1994

NET Canada is formed, office opens in Ottawa

Lifeline begins (monthly youth Mass/program)

2001

NET Center expansion: dorms and dining hall are built

The Gathering for Youth Ministers program begins in Minnesota

2004

NET Ireland and NET Uganda begin ministry

Summer program "DEP" forms

2005

First NET parish team spends ministry year in Faribault, Minnesota

2010

Train 10 teams annually

2014

NET opens its Eastern Regional Office in Cincinnati, Ohio

2016

NET opens its Western Regional Office in Alhambra, California in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Train 16 teams annually





COMMISSIONING MASS 2016

On Tuesday, September 13th, NET alumnus Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, blessed and commissioned our 16 teams for evangelistic ministry throughout the country. We had a full house for this event with local alumni and host families joining us for the occasion.

Team 3 (the Cincinnati regional team) and Team 6 (the California regional team) were also later commissioned by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Archbishop José Gomez (pictured), respectively.



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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OFFICE

In July, NET Ministries opened our second regional office, this one in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in Alhambra, California, and will have a NET team posted there every year from now on. While NET has been sending NET teams to Southern California since 1987, our full-time presence now means we can focus on proclaiming the Gospel to even more youth in your area and provide meaningful follow-up to keep the light of faith burning brightly in them.

Last year, NET teams conducted 60 retreats for more than 4,500 youth in Southern California. This year, with the presence of a regional team and office, our goal is to double that number. In the coming years, additional NET teams will be assigned to our Southern California office, making even more NET missionaries available to serve the youth of your area.

California office staff members pictured left to right:
Franz Casiano, Adrian Flores, Christina Serna, Cord Dorcsey