



Walsh University  
Mission Implementation Report  
2016



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***Statement of Identity***

*Walsh University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic, liberal arts and sciences institution. Founded by the Brothers of Christian Instruction, the university believes in the desirability of a small university that promotes academic excellence, a diverse community, and close student-teacher interaction.*

***Statement of Mission***

*Walsh University is dedicated to educating its students to become leaders in service to others through a values-based education. The university encourages an international perspective in the Judeo-Christian tradition.*

***Statement of Vision***

*Walsh University is committed to being a Catholic university of distinction, providing each student the educational experiences, resources, and opportunities necessary to foster critical thinking, effective communication, spiritual growth, and personal, professional and cultural development. The university encourages individuals to act in accordance with reason guided by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

**Walsh University Mission Implementation Report, 2016**

Walsh applies its Catholic mission across all divisions within the institution. This report emphasizes mission implementation unique to the academic year 2015-16, under five general headings: **1. Brothers of Christian Instruction on Campus, 2. New Facilities and Leadership in Year 3 of the 5-Year \$30M Capital Campaign, 3. Academic Service Learning, 4. Campus Ministry Mission Implementation, and 5. Additional Projects and Recognition Aligned with Mission.**

**I. Brothers of Christian Instruction on Campus**

- **Four Brothers on the Board of Directors;** also, the Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown and one other ordained priest
- **One of two vice chairs** appointed by the Brothers, focused particularly on mission fulfillment
- **Two Brothers and two Fathers in residence on campus** in La Mennais Hall: Ernest Paquet and Marcel Sylvestre; the Brothers' chaplain Fr. Aristides from Tanzania
- Continuation of the sponsorship agreement with the Brothers of Christian Instruction, who have appointed Gerard Archambault, longtime financial manager from the Canadian Province, to the board of directors and who sent Br. Mario Houle, Provincial and his assistant Br. Claude to the spring board meeting to announce the July 1, 2016 merger of the American and the Canadian provinces into the North American Family (including Mexico).

**II. New Facilities and Leadership in Year 4 of the 5-Year \$30M Capital Campaign**

- **The Capital Campaign** raised \$22.3M total as of June 30, 2016 (\$7.9M for academic buildings, \$7M for the endowment, \$3.6M for the Walsh Fund, \$3.8M other)
- **Groundbreaking for the new Global Learning Center**, cornerstone building that will expand interactive learning collaborative research, interdisciplinary problem-solving, and community

- engagement using advanced technologies. Features include The Forum, the Institute of Applied Humanities, the Institute of Health, the Career Center, digital media lab, technology bar, a computer engineering lab, video production lab, iMac lab, an interactive video wall, atrium café, outdoor patio, chapel.
- **Strategic plan for 2016-20 approved**, first priority being Mission and Legacy of the Brothers of Christian Instruction
  - **Reconstruction of the Prayer Garden** completed, opening views into the sanctuary's eternal flame, statuary and greenery
  - **Dedication of The Rambo Family Advanced Nursing Lab**, an interactive simulation classroom with simulation settings, high fidelity simulation patient, birthing simulator, iPads, multiple monitors, birthing bed, infant warmer, ventilator and cardia defibrillator. Willis "Bill" Rambo was Walsh's first registered student and a member of the University's first graduating class of 1964. His talk inaugurated Walsh's Master Class Series, linking moral and ethical values to a rewarding professional life.
  - Beginning in Fall 2016, Saint John Institute students in Denver, who wish to apply business acumen to the needs of the Church and other areas of service, will be able to earn their online Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Entrepreneurship from Walsh University. Students will earn their online MBA while living in a community of their peers in the rich spiritual environment of the Community of Saint John in Denver, Colorado.
  - Saint John Institute's Founder and President Father Nathan Cromly, CSJ, was instrumental in facilitating the partnership between the two Catholic institutions and is currently earning his own Master of Arts in Theology degree at Walsh's North Canton campus.
  - Paul Wright, MD, national author on Mother Teresa, spoke on campus to all freshmen (440), all of whom had read and discussed his book with faculty in their ongoing orientation classes.

### III. Academic Service Learning

- Grand total of 47,366 service hours; almost 40,000 of which were hours of curricular service (pre-professional observation, service learning, internship, community-based experiential learning, global service; and over 7,000 hours of co-curricular service (Campus Ministry, student organizations, academic honoraries, athletics hours)
- 57 Service Learning class sections in 2015-16: 27 Fall 2015, 33 Spring 2016, 1 Summer 2016; enrolling 1227 students completing over 16,000 hours of service learning (SL designated courses only).
- Additional 270,805 hours of clinical and field training hours (graduate and undergraduate nursing, physical therapy, and student teaching)
- The above framing of service hours throughout campus was accomplished in 2016 so that Walsh may apply for Carnegie Classification in 2017. Carnegie Classifications describes institutional diversity in U.S. colleges and universities which apply to be listed. Carnegie defines Community Engagement as collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.
- The comprehensive service learning annual report for 2015-16 (Executive Summary attached) summarizes service learning courses, leadership and participation in advancing the Walsh mission through strategic planning, faculty orientation, councils (Journey of Faith, Diversity, Blouin Leaders in Social Justice, Blouin Global Scholars), faculty's applied scholarship in service learning, collaborative campus and community events (eg, Wheelchair Basketball Tournament), ongoing professional development (eg, Ohio Campus Compact); varied pop-up projects (eg, library of new service learning and civic engagement titles in the library), and planning into the future (eg, Alumni Day of Service, new Office of Experiential Learning)
  - Record number of Walsh volunteers—470—involved in **MLK Day of Service, January 18, 2016**, completed almost 1900 hours in 22 projects supported financially by ServeOhio, Starbucks, Lowe's of Massillon, Campus Ministry and the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

- In a new partnership, Walsh SL provided students at six program sites leading professional development and program evaluation for the Canton School District.
- Walsh SL hosted the first NE Ohio regional event following US Senator Sherrod Brown's Propel Collegiate Leadership Summit.

## IV. Campus Ministry Mission Implementation

### *Structure*

The Office of CM, located in the CM Center of the Paul and Carol David Campus Center, maintains a presence throughout campus with 3 full-time staff (Director, Men's Outreach, Residence Life Outreach), 1 part-time staff (admissions), and 1 administrative assistant. Staff oversee CM Scholarship students, CM Club and council, the CM Intern, Peacemakers, and work study students.

### *Residence Life Outreach*

The Peacemaker peer mentoring program, overseen by residence life CM, works with first-year students on formation in ministry. Events include fireside chats, residence hall masses, all-night adoration, seasonal prayer service, mission programs, service opportunities and resource collections in the halls, and collaboration with Residence Life. The CM for residence life outreach lives in the residence halls, holds evening office hours (often speaking to dozens of students), and maintains the chapel in the connector area.

### *Special CM Programs in 2015-16*

- **On Campus Lenten Retreat:** 30-40 people attended each evening of the annual retreat led by Mrs. Teresa Peterson, national Catholic recording artist from Philadelphia. This year's theme was "Encounter."
- **Pope Francis Festival:** In September, CM organized a week-long festival commemorating the pontiff's US visit. Nearly 200 people took part.
- **Pumpkin Mass:** For the feast of All Saints, the mass features participants' carved pumpkins symbolizing saints in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel.

### *Service Outreach*

The office of Service Outreach organizes service and awareness opportunities for students, staff and faculty to share their time and talents. The office is working with Service Learning to focus on student leadership development and civic engagement. This program will explicitly empower students to harness their passions and use their skills gifts to make a difference in the lives of others. Below are some service experiences offered in 2015-2016:

- **Fall Break Service Trip to New York City:** October 9-13, 2015; 11 students
- **Spring Break Appalachia service trip:** week-long service immersion in KY for a van of students
- **Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family:** 27 families, 20 SUV loads of gifts
- **Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood:** 12-15 students in prayer each Friday 5:30-7:30 pm over 6 weeks each semester in front of Planned Parenthood facilities
- **March for Life:** charter bus of students to the Annual March for Life in DC, commemorating with other pilgrims the Supreme Court Ruling Roe V. Wade.
- **MLK Day of Service:** MLK breakfast (45 people prior to the day of service); 30 fleece blankets made by Walsh students
- **Yard Work at Sancta Clara Monastery:** twice, 7 people each trip, 4 hours each time
- **Blood Drives:** 109 participants September 15; 215 participants November 11; 105 participants January 26
- **"Be the Match" Bone Marrow Drive:** 100+ participants April 13. In this first bone marrow drive, 100 participants came in the first 1.5 hours. This event will be annual.
- **Canton Healthcare Center:** CM organizes masses every month for residents; the center had held no masses in 25 years. 12 or so students went with the Senior Pastor to spend time with the residents and celebrate mass.

- **Campus Ministry outside retreats and recollection days:** In 2015-16 CM organized students to help lead team-building, witness, and small group activities, thereby aiding 14 area churches and youth groups for confirmation-style retreats held on campus and in the community.
- **Mighty Winds Christian Outreach:** CM collected food and clothing for Mighty Winds Outreach.
- **Card Ministry:** Cards are sent to faculty, staff, and students for encouragement and support.

### Student Development and Formation

A number of CM formational groups met weekly for specific developmental experiences. Examples follow.

- **Sisters in Christ:** This fellowship and faith group tackles issues facing young adult women—body image, relationships, faith formation, societal stereotypes, etc.
- **The Brotherhood:** A theology professor and a campus group meet several times a week to pray, share in fellowship and grow in faith. Every month the group goes on a camping excursion.
- **The CRUX:** This student-led group comes together regularly for prayer and scripture study. Modeled on the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), 6 students and staff were sent to the bi-annual FOCUS conference in Texas for formation in January; one student is taking part in FOCUS digital campus.
- **Bi-Weekly Praise and Worship:** This beautiful prayer form uses music to worship God and is open to all faith backgrounds. In 2015/2016 students were invited to offer reflections during these prayer services.
- **Bi-Weekly student-led Praise and Adoration called IGNITE:** Alternating with Praise and Worship, students led beautiful musical prayer reflections in the context of Eucharistic Adoration in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **From Water into Wine (Written by Miguel Chavez and Dominica Rhein):** *From Water into Wine* involves intentional faith sharing and uses the wine making process to analogously highlight various themes young adults encounter. Each week we reflect, pray, and discern how God's transformative grace is working through our lives. Participants are asked specific questions on how personal experiences, traditions, and culture shape us to serve in the world. In 2015-2016 this program was run for 15 adults at a local church in a parish that received a Diocesan grant for supplies.

### Bible Studies and Book Reflections

- **"Chilling with God":** This scripture study was organized by athletes for athletes under CM supervision.
- **Collaborative Bible studies with external faith communities:** These collaborations include local churches, faith organizations like Younglife, and faculty and staff faith communities.
- **Simple Bible Study:** Every Monday afternoon 12 beginners in Scripture studies gathered.

### Devotional Prayers and Student Retreats

- **Stations of the Cross (during Lent):** Every Friday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel
- **Weekly Rosary scripture meditations:** Prayer for the intercession of Mary, the mother of God, meditating on scripture and the life of Christ
- **AGAPE student retreat:** Annual event completely student organized and led, including talks, activities, skits, and prayer opportunities for 65 participants.
- **Friday Morning Prayer:** Every Friday morning, using Liturgy of the Hours.
- **Theology on Tap:** Speaker series in a local pub (or game room), focused on topics of faith and contemporary issues directly affecting young adults

### 2015-2016 Grant Support from the Our Sunday Visitor Institute

Throughout 2015-16 CM received funding from the Our Sunday Visitor Institute for development and implementation of outreach programs for youth and young adults, particularly student leaders from regional high schools. Early in the grant period the ministry team organized and planned the formation programs, called *ELPIS*, the Greek word for *Hope* and an acronym for helping youth live lives of holiness and service, exemplifying Christ-like leadership in their communities:

*Empower young people as Leaders in faith, who are Prayerfully driven with Imagination and creativity to Serve in our world as Church!*

- **Evangelization:** "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28: 19
- **Leaders in Faith:** "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." 1st Timothy 4: 12
- **Prayerfully driven:** "Pray without ceasing" 1st Thessalonians 5: 17
- **Imagination:** "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and hear what you hear but did not hear it." Matthew 13: 16-17
- **Service-oriented:** "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have for you, you should also do." John 13: 15

To symbolize the program a student artist painted an image called the "Hands of Hope."



One hand desperately reaches to the outstretched hand of God, creased to spell ELPIS. CM challenged participants to serve as hands of hope reaching out to those in need and leading by example, empowered to evangelize in thought, word and deed. The ELPIS Retreats and Leadership Series gathered young leaders in prayer and fellowship to discern God's call and to grow in faith and wisdom through retreats and lectures, then challenged them to recognize their God-given talents and use them to lead, transforming their world. To expand the reach of this grant CM recorded each leadership presentation and created a facilitator's manual. The no-cost material will be available in the summer of 2016.

#### **ELPIS LEADERSHIP SERIES 2015-2016**

- MADE FOR THE OTHER October 31: Justin Huyck, St. Michael the Archangel Church in Canton, OH
- MADE WITH PURPOSE November 21: John Johnson, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom, CA., President of Petros, LLC, a Catholic tech company dedicated to the new evangelization
- PERSONAL FAITH TO LEAD February 6: Dr. Andrew Kim, Theologian
- MADE FOR HOLINESS February 27: Elizabeth Montgomery, University of Dayton
- MADE TO WITNESS April 2: Mr. Greg Wasinski, Catholic Radio Personality and National Speaker, President of "Let Me Be" Ministries
- MADE TO HOPE: E.L.P.I.S. April 15: Brooke Taylor, Radio Personality and National Speaker

**ELPIS RETREATS 2015-2016:** Each was designed to develop young evangelistic leaders in parishes or high schools.

- WHAT "I AM" MADE FOR September 24: Miguel Chavez, Director of CM, 107 Participants
- HOPE IN CHRIST October 8: Mitchum Warren IV, CM, 190 participants

- SENT FORTH November 12: 58 participants
- WITNESS TO HOPE February 11: Steven Dyer, Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Green, OH 205 participants
- A PEOPLE OF HOPE March 31: Kathy Yaros, Marketing Director for the North Canton YMCA and President of Stark County Character Counts Chapter, 113 Participants
- EVANGELIZATION: SHARING HOPE April 14: Msgr. Lewis Gaetano, Christ the Servant Catholic Church, Canton, OH 190 participants

### **Campus Ministry – Ecumenical**

All programming in Campus Ministry is open to all people with an educational piece to assure for ecumenical formation. Campus Ministry is collaborating with a variety of constituents on campus to improve ecumenical outreach. A number of student leaders have come forward and now lead very organic formation groups. For example, in the spring semester a group of freshmen football players had a weekly bible study in the Campus Ministry Center. Each of these groups challenges participants to discern their own faith journey and grow in that tradition. Campus Ministry retreats are intentionally ecumenical to give all students, staff and faculty and opportunity to grow in God's grace while appreciating the diversity of faith traditions represented at Walsh.

### **Campus Ministry in the Future**

#### **Evangelization**

Pope Francis says in the Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.

Evangelization on campus requires expanding the reach and depth of our ministry to demographics not usually served in CM. We look to develop a sound infrastructure for outreach to athletes, commuters, and non-Catholic students. Campus Ministry is very active within the President's newly formed "Journey of Faith" leadership group.

#### **Service**

It is imperative to redesign the structure of our service outreach so as to form students who do both service and meaningful reflection. A **pre-reflection and post-reflection** program is being development using Catholic social teaching that would include content and reflection, discussion and evaluation projects that students would complete before a service trip.

#### **Intentional Discipleship**

CM will use an intentional discipleship model proposed by Sherry Weddell in *Forming Intentional Disciples*, a book focused on encountering Christ in trust that leads to conversion. Our programming will intentionally promote conducive opportunities to encounter Christ.

#### **Professional Staff Formation**

The first 5 weeks of each semester will ask CM professional staff to read and discuss topics pertinent to our ministries. Seasoned campus ministers from area colleges and universities with active ministries will meet with our campus ministers. Each visiting minister will review an outline with guided questions with the Walsh campus ministers. Collectively the CM staff will discuss insights from these mentoring conversations at our weekly gatherings during the 5-week sessions. Proposed topics for each session for each semester are: **Fall** leadership in ministry, prayer and ministry, ministry and identity, non-Catholic/"Other"-marked student outreach, and intentional faith-sharing groups (such as CCMA Webinar: <https://youtu.be/ztKKKUttKJg>); **Spring** group development and formation, planning ministry, our faith and our stories, ministry collaboration, young adult outreach and faith integration--connection to parishes and external faith communities.

## **V. Additional Projects and Recognition Aligned with Mission**

- Walsh University 's \$597,621 grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) supporting development of academic clinical partnerships for its Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program.

- **Diversity:** students selected Dr. Katie Brown (Museum Studies) for the second faculty/Staff Inclusive Excellence Award.
- **Delta Air Lines CEO Richard Anderson**, featured speaker at 49<sup>th</sup> Annual DeVille School of Business Scholarship Luncheon, in partnership with the Akron-Canton Airport: "Why Culture Matters: Driving Results and Keeping the Lead"
- **Institutional and Individual Recognition**
  - *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* for 2016 included Walsh for the fourth time.
  - *Catholic Colleges of Distinction for 2015* listed Walsh, one of 74 colleges selected nationally and one of three selected in Ohio.
  - *Victory Media* has designated Walsh a **2016 Military Friendly School**, placing the university among the top 15% doing the most to embrace military students and to help assure their success.
  - Walsh University's **online Master of Business Administration (MBA)** nationally recognized by the website Online MBA Report as a Top 10 Program among 300 Catholic universities for 2015.
  - **The College Scorecard** listed Walsh as one of the top 10 most affordable private colleges in Ohio. Walsh was ranked No. 19 of Ohio's top 50 colleges, highest ranking in Stark County by BestColleges.com.
  - Walsh recognized among **Ohio's Best Colleges for 2015** by BestColleges.com., ranking 19 in the list of Ohio's top 50 colleges and the highest ranked university in Stark County.
  - **2016 Outstanding Educator of the Year:** Larry Mustafaga, Associate Professor in Nursing. Matt McLain, Support Center Office Manager, voted Mentor of the Year by Walsh students. Dee Stubbs, Human resources, voted Support Staff of the Year by Walsh students. Also, Academic Affairs honored Mary Giffin; Teaching Award; Laci Fiala, Scholarship Award; Will Cooley, Service Award.
  - Walsh awarded an **honorary doctorate** to Barbara Turkeltaub, Holocaust survivor and special friend to the Brothers of Christian instruction.