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## **Catholic Christian Outreach to Expand to University of Calgary**

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OTTAWA – At the invitation of Bishop Frederick Henry, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) is pleased to announce that it will be sending a team of campus missionaries to the University of Calgary in the fall of 2010. This expansion is another step in CCO's *20/20 Vision*, in which the movement desires to expand to twenty new campuses over the course of twenty years. Since 2007, CCO's ministry has grown significantly, with new teams being sent to Queen's University (2007), UBC (2008), and Université Laval (2009). The planned expansion for September 2010 will be led by Stephen Kaip, current team leader at Queen's University. CCO's growth is a response to the need that exists for university students to know the Gospel in an increasingly secularized society.

"My hope is that the University of Calgary will become known for having students with missionary hearts," Kaip said.

CCO president Jeff Lockert echoed Kaip's enthusiasm: "We are grateful for Bishop Henry's invitation. Over the years, we have had many students from Calgary involved in our national events and a number of CCO alumni presently live in the diocese. It is a great honour to now be able to send a CCO team to be present with them in Calgary and to reach out to students at the U of C."

This expansion falls at an exciting time, directly following CCO's domestic summer mission project *IMPACT! Canada*, also to be held in Calgary from May to August 2010. *IMPACT!* will bring over 50 Catholic students from across Canada to Calgary in order to aid in the mission of evangelization within the diocese.

Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization. We challenge students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith, with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world.

CCO was founded at the University of Saskatchewan in 1988. From a humble beginning of four students, the movement now serves hundreds of students on eight campuses through a wide array of programs and outreaches and has over sixty staff serving as campus missionaries and in CCO's national headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario.

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