

The San Damiano Foundation

The primary way The San Damiano Foundation “puts the power of film at the service of the poor” is to give charitable organizations featured in our films a powerful fundraising tool. But of almost equal importance is the much needed awareness when this valuable educational is used by showing the films at churches and schools. The following is a list of churches, high schools and universities where Gerry Straub has shared his conversion story and communicated the need for people to help the poor, compelling his audience towards purposeful action. At each event, a full film is screened or parts of more than one film are viewed.

The following are the colleges, high schools and grammar schools Gerry has visited and shown films:

University of Notre Dame in Indiana (2x)
St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York (5x)
University of Dayton in Ohio (2x)
Villanova University in Philadelphia
Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles (2x)
St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania
Canisius College in Buffalo, New York (2x)
Wheaton College in Chicago
Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia (4x)
Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (3x)
Siena College in Loudonville, New York
Cabrini College in Philadelphia
Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan
Holy Family University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island
University of Buffalo in Amherst, New York (2x)
The Catholic Theological Union in Chicago
Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania
Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington
The Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy
The Emmanuel Community (4,500 young people) in Paray-le-Monial, France
Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York (3x)
Bishop Hendricken High School in Providence, Rhode Island (3x)
St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, NY (2x)
St. Mary’s Diocesan High School in Lancaster, New York
Hamburg High School in Hamburg, New York
Mission College Prep in San Luis Obispo, California

Village Christian High School in Sunland, California
Catholic Memorial High School in Boston, Massachusetts
Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island
LaSalle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island
St. Mary's Bay View Academy in East Providence, Rhode Island
Mount de Sales Academy in Macon, Georgia
Ursuline Academy in St. Louis, Missouri
St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, New Hampshire
Beaumont School in Cleveland, Ohio
St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio
St. Francis High School in Toledo, Ohio
Fr. Judge High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Conwell-Eagan Catholic High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington, Kentucky
St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois
Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan
Immaculate Heart High School in Hollywood, California
St. Martha's Grammar School in Louisville, Kentucky
St. Agnes Grammar School in Louisville, Kentucky

The following are the churches Gerry has visited and shown films:

Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey (Trappist, Kentucky) (Thomas Merton's Monastery)
St. Charles Borromeo Church (Los Angeles, California) (3x)
Blessed Sacrament Church (Los Angeles, California)
St. John Nuemann Church (Santa Maria, California) (2x)
St. Francis of Assisi Church (Silver Lake, California)
Holy Family Church (South Pasadena, California)
St. Raphael Church (Santa Barbara, California)
Old Mission Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, California)
Mission San Juan Bautista (San Juan Bautista, California)
Mission Santa Ines (Solvang, California) (2x)
St. Sebastian Church (Santa Paula, California)
Faith Lutheran Church (Canoga Park, California)
Religious Education Regional Conference (Santa Barbara, California) (3x)
National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi (San Francisco, California)
Temple Judea (Encino, California)
Seventh Day Adventist Media Center (Simi Valley, California)
Holy Trinity Church (Washington, DC)
Corpus Christi Church (New York, New York)
St. Mary of the Angels Church (Williamsville, New York)
Kuntze Memorial Lutheran Church (Omaha, Nebraska)

Salvation Army Headquarters (Omaha, Nebraska)
Cathedral of the Assumption (Louisville, Kentucky)
Franciscan Renewal Center (Scottsdale, Arizona)
Pallottine Renewal Center (Florissant, Missouri)
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (Detroit, Michigan) 2x
St. Francis of Assisi Church (Raleigh, North Carolina) 2x
Christ Lutheran Church (Valencia, California)
St. Joseph University Parish (Buffalo, New York)
Evangelical Lutheran Church Association Youth Gathering (San Antonio, TX)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Lake View, New York)
Incarnation Church (Glendale, California)
St. Paul the Apostle Church (Los Angeles, California)
St. Matthew's Church (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
American Martyrs Church (Manhattan Beach, California) 3x
St. Mary Magdalen Church (Camarillo, California) 2x
St. Jerome Church (Westchester, California)
Holy Redeemer Church (Montrose, California)
Nebraska Lutheran Synod (Fremont, Nebraska)
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral (San Bernardino, California)
St. Pius X (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Hiawatha, Iowa)
Pastoral Life Center of the Diocese of San Bernardino, California
St. Paschal Baylon Church (Thousand Oaks, California)
L.A. Religious Education Regional Congress (Anaheim, California) (2x)
Pax Christi Church (Lexington, Kentucky)
St. Bonaventure Church (Huntington Beach, California)
Holy Name of Jesus Church (Redland, California)
Good Shepard Church (Holbrook, New York)
Mary Immaculate Church (Bellport, New York)
St. Anthony Church (Casper, Wyoming)
St. Martha's Church (Louisville, Kentucky)
Highland Baptist Church (Louisville, Kentucky)
St. Thomas More Church (Narragansett, Rhode Island)
St. Mark's Church (Jamestown, Rhode Island)

Gerry Straub has also lead day-long retreats on the theme of poverty and prayer in California, Arizona, Missouri, Connecticut, New York, Minnesota and Assisi, Italy. He has also spoken at national conferences for religion teachers and campus ministers held in Maryland, Ohio and Indiana.

Press Coverage

The San Damiano Foundation has also garnered much national media attention, both print and television, and that broad coverage has included both the secular press and religious publications, as well as considerable coverage on commercial and public television.

National Catholic Reporter (November 3, 2006) (Cover Story)

Sojourners magazine (September, 2005)

Los Angeles Times (2/20/05)

The New York Times (12/25/04)

Casper Star Tribune (Casper, Wyoming's daily newspaper) (April 25, 2009)

The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington's daily newspaper) (March 21, 2009)

U.S. Catholic magazine (March, 2008)

The Catholic Chronicle Diocese of Toledo, Ohio) (3/06/08)

Catholic Universe Bulletin (Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio) (2/22/08)

St. Anthony Messenger magazine (January, 2008)

"Provoke" (Re-broadcast of Nationally Syndicated Jesuit Radio Show) (12/30/07)

"Life & Times" (KCET-TV, LA) Repeat of Updated Story (11/22/07 ^{Thanksgiving})

Western New York Catholic (Diocese of Buffalo, NY) (November 2007)

The Witness (Archdiocese of Dubuque) (9/16/07)

"Life & Times" (KCET-TV, LA) Repeat of Updated Story (9/03/07)

"Provoke" (Nationally Syndicated Jesuit Radio Show) (6/17/07)

The Providence Journal (Providence, Rhode Island) 4/2/07)

Scottish Catholic Observer (Glasgow, Scotland) (3/30/07)

The Catholic Sun (Diocese of Phoenix) (3/1/07)

"Inner Compass" (WGVU-TV [PBS], Grand Rapids, Michigan) (2/12/07)

"Take Five" (WZZM-TV [ABC], Grand Rapids, Michigan) (1/8/07)

Western New York Catholic (Diocese of Buffalo, NY) (October, 2006)

Western New York Catholic (Diocese of Buffalo, NY) (April, 2006)

"News Conference" (KNBC-TV News) (11/20/05)

"Life & Times" (KCET-TV, LA) Repeat of Updated Story (11/18/05)

The St. Petersburg Times (11/12/05)

"Evening News" (WTVT, Channel 13, Tampa, Florida) (11/11/05)

"The Voice of Prophecy" (National Radio Broadcast) (11/5/05)

Tampa Tribune (11/05/05)

La Gaceta (Tampa, Florida) (11/04/05)

"Life & Times" (KCET-TV) Updated Story (10/12/05)

"Religion and Ethics Newsweekly" (PBS) (5/13/05)

"Life & Times" (KCET-TV, Los Angeles) Rebroadcast (4/12/05)

Christian Reflection (Baylor University) (March, 2005)

Catholic News Service (3/28/05)

The Tidings (Archdiocese of Los Angeles) (3/25/05)

“Life & Times” (KCET-TV, Los Angeles) (3/16/05)

The Tablet (Archdiocese of New York) (1/22/05)

“Evening News” (KNBC-TV, Channel 4, Los Angeles) (12/14/04)

U.S. Catholic magazine (March, 2004)

And in March of 2008, our film *The Patients of a Saint* was screened at the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival.