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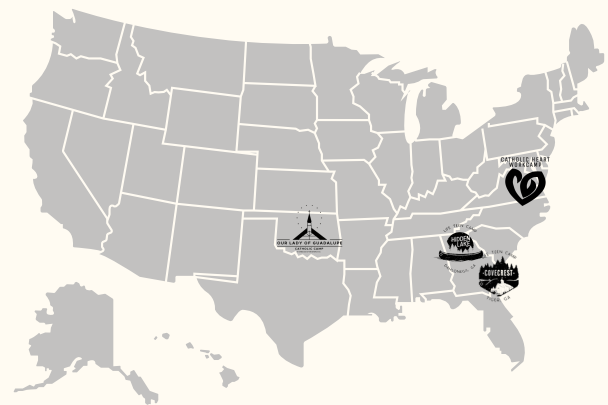
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That's a Wrap on the Summer Ministry Season



Hey everyone, I hope you and your family have had a super fun summer so far! These last few months have been one for the books, and I'm so thankful for the chance to witness the Lord work in so many teens at summer camps across the country and have a front-row seat to their encounters with the Lord all summer long!



What's Going On With the Finches - We're Building Our First Home!

It's been a busy one for us, that's for sure. On top of a lot of travel and spending more time in airports than at home, Molly and I recently moved and are currently in the process of building our first home together, which is a lot of work, y'all, but we're excited to be in it soon. We celebrated Molly's golden birthday in June, and we also went to the movies for the first time together a few weeks ago, which felt like a big deal. Life feels chaotic right now, but we are together and trusting the Lord through it all.

Life Teen Summer Camps and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



I've been so blessed to serve as a musician with Life Teen Summer Missions every summer for the last five years. Life Teen Summer Camp is by far one of the biggest highlights of my year, and this year was no different. This year's theme was "Real Presence," and it was such a powerful theme, inviting teens to draw closer to Jesus in the Eucharist and rediscover their devotion. Once we were on the ground in North Georgia, I was surprised to find out we'd spend the week serving with a few New York City-based CFRs - Fr. Angelus and Br. Mariano, who quickly became some of our new best friends

after many shenanigans. After wrapping up a week at Covecrest, we were shuttled over to Hidden Lake for a week of camp. Then due to an unforeseen change of plans, we ended up going back to Covecrest for a third week of camp which was honestly wild and slightly exhausting and such a gift all at the same time. It was such a blast working with the full-time staff and missionaries, and friends like Jay Martin, Alex Gotay, and Matt Regitz, who all crushed it as camp hosts. After three weeks of camp, this was by far the most memorable summer with the Life Teen family yet!

Coming Up: A New Bilingual Worship Project with Nico Cabrera



Nico Cabrera x John Finch

Earlier this year, I was playing an event with my good friend, Nico Cabrera, that spontaneously turned into more of a bilingual event than an English-speaking event. It was awesome to experience both languages and cultures in worship. After that event, we had the idea: what if we wrote and released a few songs together in English and Spanish in the spirit of unity and collaboration. So I flew out to Dallas and back on a Saturday, and we got all of the music recording and video work done in just a few hours. We are scheduled to release this project in the next month or so, hoping to offer

more multicultural events to churches and communities across the country. Nico and I have a few upcoming events, and we'd love for you to join us if we're playing near you. To find out when and where visit my website under the events section. Want us to come to your church? Drop us a note. This project is important to us and will be the first of many. In a deeply divided world, we believe in finding more ways to be one and focus on the things in our lives that unite us rather than what divides us. We're excited to share what we've been working on with you!



Upcoming Fall Events:

Aug 24 - Magnify at St. Mary's | College Station, TX

Aug 26 - OLV Life Teen Retreat | Birmingham, AL

Sep 15 - Bilingual Adoration with Nico Cabrera | New York, NY

Sep 16 - Youth Conference with Nico Cabrera | New York, NY

Sep 23 - Worship Night at Coteau Baptist Church | Houma, LA

Oct 2-4 - Revival at Live Oak Baptist Church | Denham Springs, LA

As the summer comes to a close, I hope you and your family shared many fun and wholesome memories together. Thank you so much for being a part of our community. While this has been a season of transition and growth for Molly and I, the Lord is doing so many good and exciting things in our personal lives and this ministry right now. We've learned so much about daily surrender and leaning on God in every area of our lives, knowing that He holds everything together. Please pray for us and know that you are in my daily prayers.

John Finch