

**FOUNDER OF SPO, SPEAKER & THEOLOGIAN**

# **GORDY DEMARAIS**



## **ABOUT GORDY**

A national leader in the evangelization and formation of Catholic young people for over 40 years, Gordy DeMarais's deep love for the Church and his extensive "field experience" are what set him apart as a nationally sought after speaker. Since founding SPO in 1985, Gordy has not only remained on the front lines of mission work, intentionally discipling and leading hundreds of young people to the Lord, but is a trusted voice amongst Church leaders for evangelization today. He has served as a consultant to the US Council for Catholic Bishops on the evangelization and formation of university students, given retreats at the North American College in Rome, and taught courses on evangelization to seminarians, permanent deacons, and parish teams. Gordy has been recognized and awarded for his work in the Church by Relevant Radio, the St. Paul Seminary, NET Ministries, and the Catholic defense league. You may know him as co-author of, "Called to Christian Joy and Maturity: Forming Missionary Disciples", along with his long-time friend, Bible expert and theologian, Dr. Dan Keating.

## **PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE**

*but are not limited to:*

- What's a (Grand)Parent To Do:  
Keeping Our Kids Catholic
- Called to Christian Joy & Maturity:  
Forming Missionary Disciples
- Hope for the Future of the Church:  
Raising up the Next Generation of  
Catholic Leaders
- God's Response to a Godless Age:  
The Grace to Become Saints
- Catholic Priorities in a New Apostolic Age
- The Call of the Laity
- The Urgency of the New Evangelization

**"IT'S SO VITAL TO INTEGRATE THE TASK OF EVANGELIZATION AND THE WORK OF OUR OWN CONVERSION. [GORDY] TEACHES US, WITH INTELLECTUAL RIGOR AND PRACTICAL INSIGHT, HOW TO BE BOTH "MISSIONARY" AND "DISCIPLE." FOR A CULTURE BURDENED BY FEAR AND BOREDOM, THESE WORDS ARE AN ENCOURAGEMENT, A CHALLENGE, AND A GIFT. WHAT AN INSPIRATION TO EMBRACE WITH EVER MORE COURAGE AND ZEAL THE GREAT ADVENTURE OF LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST!"**

*Msgr. James Shea, President  
University of Mary*

**"WHAT A BLESSING IT IS THAT DEMARAIS CONTINUES TO TAKE UP THE MANTLE OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP. 'CALLED TO CHRISTIAN JOY AND MATURITY' IS A VALUABLE INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE WANTING TO SEE THE SEED OF CONVERSION MATURE INTO A CHRISTIAN PERSON OVERFLOWING WITH JOY AND CAPABLE TO MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES."**

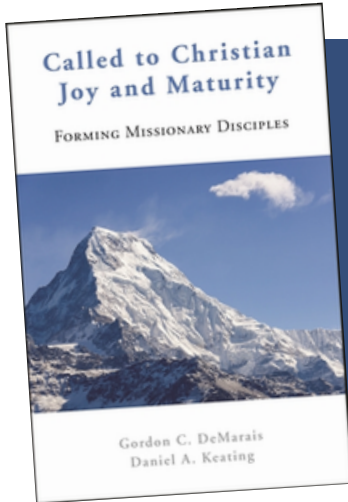
*Curtis Martin, Founder  
Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)*

## **MAKE THE CONNECTION!**

To invite Gordy to speak at your upcoming event or conference, contact him directly:

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## CHECK OUT THIS SUMMARY OF GORDY'S BOOK:



More than ever, Christians must be grounded in their identity and purpose to reach a hurting world. This groundbreaking book brings together the latest best practices for how to be (and help others become) mature, balanced, and joyful Christians today. Evangelism experts Gordy DeMarais and Daniel Keating lay out thoughtful actions for effectively bringing Christ to the world. A must-read for every follower of Jesus.

*Called to Christian Joy and Maturity: Forming Missionary Disciples*  
By Gordon C. DeMarais & Daniel A. Keating (June 2021)

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## GORDY CO-FOUNDED SPO...WHAT'S THAT?

SPO is a national leader in evangelization, reaching tens of thousands of college students and young adults every year. SPO trains recent college graduates as Missionaries to build relationships with their peers and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Founded in 1985 by Gordon DeMarais, Christina Smith, and Fr. Kevin Finnegan, SPO trains full-time Missionaries and student leaders to build missional communities that reach out and invite college students and young adults into a transformative relationship with Christ, forming lifelong disciples. SPO is located in cities and at colleges in Arizona, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, and Washington.



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on Instagram @sponational

### SPO DURING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



16 CHAPTERS WITH FULL  
TIME MISSIONARIES



1,008 WEEKLY SMALL  
GROUP PARTICIPANTS



50 HOUSEHOLDS FOR  
STUDENTS + MISSIONARIES



34,400 STUDENTS + YOUNG  
ADULTS REACHED



214 TOTAL MISSIONARIES  
INCLUDING STUDENTS + STAFF



5,880 RETREAT ATTENDEES  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR