

SAN FRANCISCO TEAM 2020-2021

INVITING OUR CULTURE TO BE FULLY ALIVE



MYRA GONZALEZ heard of the Culture Project through a video she saw at a young adult conference. She was moved by the message in 2014 & thought to herself maybe one day that could be me helping make a change in a world that's in dire need! Growing up in beautiful CA, Myra decided to take a leap of faith and transfer to Franciscan University in 2017 and graduated in Dec of 2018 with a BA in Theology. Myra answered the call from Christ to apply and become a Culture Project missionary because of the desire and a hope to see a culture restored. Myra hopes to continue to be a light to the people she will encounter and that her story and the Culture Projects message will change the heart & minds of many.



ANDREW BENNE is a 2019 graduate of the University of Kansas with a BFA in Illustration. He grew up south of Kansas City and was in marching band through high school and college. Andrew was involved with campus ministry at KU which is where he first encountered the Culture Project through a former missionary. Through his experience in campus and youth ministry he began to see the importance of human dignity and self-giving love. After talking to Culture Project missionaries at Seek he decided to apply to be a missionary. "The message of human dignity and the idea that every person is worthy of love is so needed today. I want to be able to share this message with others and I believe the Culture Project is the best way to do this."



BRIANNA MASSEY is a 2016 graduate from U.C. Berkeley. She grew up in Santa Clara, California and played softball in both high school and college. Post college she worked in sales for a tech start up in the Silicon Valley. After a conversion to the Catholic faith in 2018 she began to deeper her faith and see where God was leading. In 2019 she was struck by the mission of the Culture Project and answered the call. "I desire to share the freedom and goodness I've found in the Catholic Church with those who have not yet discovered its beauty."



NICK SCHARTZ is a Southern California native who moved to Colorado in 2015 to attend the Colorado School of Mines. In October 2018, Nick felt the Lord calling him from his studies with a zeal for mission. Nick first encountered CP at the FOCUS SLS18 conference in Chicago and over the next couple years learned about their mission. Their message of dignity and authentic love struck him, and after a fortuitous conversation with CP missionaries at the SLS20 conference, Nick decided to give a year to share this message with others as a CP missionary. "The message of our dignity as sons and daughters of God and the love we were made for is a message our culture needs. I became a CP missionary so others can become fully alive."



MICHELLE NGUYEN is a 2017 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BS in Mathematics and Statistics. She grew up in Massachusetts, but also spent a portion of her life in Austin, Texas, and considers both 'home'. Most recently, she was working in Boston while volunteering within the Catholic community in Dorchester. While working with a youth group in Dorchester, Michelle realized that God was possibly asking her to devote her full attention and time to spreading the love of Christ. Having encountered the Culture Project multiple times after graduating, and falling in love with their mission, Michelle realized that being a CP missionary was what God had in store for the next year of her life.