

Filming the new advanced philosophy module for the Equipped for Life Course in our new studio!



## We Are in the New Office!

by Josh Brahm

Rachel and I have had several days in the new office where we say something to each other along the lines of "I can't believe how awesome it is to have a video studio!" I am incredibly grateful that we now have this invaluable resource right here at the office because I can already see how revolutionary it is for how we are able to produce content. We have transitioned from our old model of planning one filming day weeks ahead of time, spending hours of staff time to coordinate a location and set up and pack equipment, to having everything ready to film in the room next to our office. Thank you so much for helping us get into the new office!

In the last newsletter, I told you about the philosophy team's hard work to complete the scripts for our advanced version of the Equal Rights Argument training videos. When Andrew was in Charlotte for the annual staff planning meeting, we were also able to film all of his videos for that module. This was Andrew's first time presenting on camera since coming on staff and I can't tell you how incredibly impressed I was by his hard work preparing for the filming day. His performance on these videos exceeded our expectations and I am hoping our course members can feel like they are really getting to know Andrew through the training.



### THE PODCAST IS GOING PUBLIC!

This Fall we will not only be publishing new podcasts, but we will also be opening the Equipped for Life Podcast to the public wherever podcasts can be found, like iTunes, Spotify, and YouTube!

We have two main reasons for doing this and I am sure many of you will appreciate both! First, we want to make it easier for our Equipped for Life Course members to listen to the podcast,

and this will make it possible for them to do so from their phone without needing to log in to the course website and download the MP3 files. Second, this will make it possible for more people to get excited about our approach to pro-life dialogue because they can discover us through the podcast as a gateway to the rest of our content. Our team believes that some of our best training content is in this podcast and we want as many people to be able to listen as possible.



Rachel has been supervising a team of volunteers that are helping to prepare the podcast episodes that originally appeared as part of the Equipped for Life Course for public

consumption. Some of the episodes need to be edited so that pro-life advocates who haven't been through the course will be able to follow along without getting lost. Once that project is completed, we will be able to launch the podcast publicly both with our new episodes that we are recording now and with the old episodes available for new people who discover us.

## ANNOUNCING THE SIDEWALK COUNSELING MASTERCLASS COMING SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Our whole team is so excited to be in the final stages of publishing the sidewalk counseling course! We are nearly finished with editing the videos, which will total about 8-hours of content, and now we're doing all the last-minute tasks that are required for us to publish and promote the course. I am so proud of all the hard work that our team has put into this very long and difficult project.

Originally, we intended to add material about sidewalk counseling to the Equipped for Life course as a module, but since we decided to



create a separate course, we want to honor what we told our Equipped for Life course members as best as we can. For that reason, we are offering the *Sidewalk Counseling Masterclass* to our *Equipped for Life Course* members for free, both through pre-order and

for the first two weeks that the course is available, through a coupon code that they will receive by email.

## Personal Note to Rachel's Friends and Supporters

Hey Everyone!

Thank you for keeping me all in your thoughts and prayers these past few months. As many of you know, I am going through many life transitions right now which also means a great deal of personal growth is happening. I am grateful for the growth, even though sometimes it is really difficult. In May, I was able to visit my mom in Michigan, just for a short weekend, but it was nice to see her new home and spend some time with her and my brother, Jack. We spent some time grilling outside, going for a mini hike in the woods, and placing some board games together. It is hard to be so far away from friends and family, but I have also fallen in love with North Carolina and many of my friends here.

I have recently become a prominent member of the leadership team for our young adult group, Aquinas' Finest, at my church here in Charlotte. I really enjoy bringing the young adults of my parish together for events like our Fireside Chat with our parochial vicar of the parish in the

picture on the left. Through this community I have met some really great people and felt like I have a place in the community. I love my church here because it really feels like a sanctuary I can seek refuge in from the chaos of the world.

In June, I went on a week long silent Ignatian retreat in Atlanta. Without the financial help from a close friend, encouragement from friends, and support from my team at ERI, I wouldn't have been able to spend that uninterrupted time with the Lord in silence. I have so much gratitude for that time on retreat because I needed to recharge, heal, and find peace. Since then I have been able to serve this ministry, those around me, and the Lord in a better way.

God Bless,

~ Rachel

