



## ***SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD*** **Resurrection teen speaks to more than 12,000** **At National Catholic Youth Conference**



**Aubree Beyer (third from right) poses with her family at the National Catholic Youth Conference**

**DECEMBER 2021**— Aubree Beyer’s life changed in a beautiful way last June at St. Meinrad.

During a variety show at the One Bread One Cup conference, Aubree heard the voice of God whispering to her... sharing His immense love for her.

Aubree spent the next hour during adoration processing the experience, praying to God, and basking in His amazing love. After going through some difficult circumstances, Aubree could finally feel the light of Jesus shining through.

The Resurrection teen knew after leaving the adoration chapel that night that God was working in profound ways within her, but she shared the experience with no one. She didn’t tell her small group that met that night after adoration. She didn’t share it with friends after she left the conference. Truthfully, Aubree said, she never intended to share the experience with anyone.

“I held it close to my heart,” Aubree said. “Obviously, God had other plans.”

Months later, a man Aubree met at the conference — who knew nothing of her life-changing God moment — presented Aubree with an opportunity. This gentleman encouraged her to audition to give a Witness Talk at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

Aubree knew God was nudging her to tell her story. So she spent weeks writing the story down and organizing her thoughts into a powerful and moving message. Family, friends, and mentors helped Aubree fine-tune her Witness Talk before she recorded it and uploaded it to YouTube for the selection committee to watch.

The moment Aubree found out the committee chose her to be one of the speakers was surreal, she said.

“It was crazy,” Aubree said. “I don’t think it actually sank in right away.”

In the time between her selection and her talk, Aubree received an outpouring of support from family, friends, and her church community. People — some she didn’t even know — sent her prayer cards and letters of encouragement to lift her up.

“It was cool to see the love and support from so many people in the community,” Aubree said.

God used these people to help prepare Aubree for her moment on stage.

On a Friday evening just before adoration was set to begin at the National Catholic Youth Conference, Aubree stood on stage and shared the love of God with more than 12,000 of her peers.

"The energy was crazy on stage," Aubree said. "But to be honest, because of the lights, I couldn't see anyone. I was just excited to have the opportunity to share my story."

During her 10-minute talk, Aubree opened up about her struggles and described, in detail, the moment God changed her life. She also used the opportunity to highlight the beauty of adoration. Aubree still spends time in adoration regularly — especially when life becomes difficult.

"Adoration holds a special place in my heart, and I urge all of you to try it as well when you are struggling," Aubree told those gathered at the conference.

Despite making herself vulnerable in a stadium filled with people, Aubree felt no nerves as she spoke.

"I knew He had it under control," Aubree said. "It wasn't me speaking; it was Him speaking through me. I felt a peace within me."

As Aubree walked off the stage that night, her mom was crying and her family and friends were waiting to give her hugs. The whole experience was healing for Aubree.

"It was empowering to be able to share my story with others," Aubree said.

The Reitz High School sophomore marvels at the ways God is using her. Aubree already has plans to give her Witness Talk to other groups.

"It is so exciting to know that God believes in me so much and trusts me to bring His message to other people," Aubree said. "My life is definitely richer because of this experience."

What does Aubree hope others take away from her story?

"I hope my message reminds others to constantly look for God in their lives and to just know they are enough and that society doesn't define who they are as a person," Aubree said. "With God, all things are beautiful and possible."

Aubree had one last piece of advice for young people looking to grow their faith.

"Glorify God in all your actions, and remember that you are loved and beautiful in His eyes," Aubree said.

## SPEND TIME IN ADORATION

Are you looking for a way to strengthen your relationship with Jesus? Spending time in the Adoration Chapel is a great place to start.

Resurrection has time slots available in our chapel. View the schedule and available time slots on the homepage of the parish website at [www.resurrectionevv.com](http://www.resurrectionevv.com) or call the parish office at (812) 963-3121.

If you wish to fill one of these time slots, contact Theresa Frielinghausen at (812) 963-5103. If you can't commit to a weekly time, we still encourage you to pray in the chapel when you have an opportunity! Simply call the parish office before you go, and we will provide an access code to get in the church.

