



Samantha Leveugle
Associate Director

Passion for Philanthropy:

Samantha's passion for philanthropy began in college when she encountered her Catholic faith and learned to place others first. Samantha quickly came to realize that her career should have purpose, should address the needs of others in her community, and should utilize certain God-given talents. Working in the nonprofit space and fundraising to support mission-driven organizations was a natural and harmonious union for Samantha.

Experience:

Samantha is currently assisting the Archdiocese of Los Angeles through a \$500 million campaign to support renovating church facilities, strengthening parish life, enhancing Catholic education and social services, and much more. As a key member of the campaign team, Samantha is personally responsible for raising millions of dollars each year in support of a large portfolio of Catholic churches throughout the Archdiocese. In 2019 alone, Samantha helped seven parishes exceed their assigned goals, raising over \$8 million cumulatively.

Prior to joining CCS, Samantha was Director of Youth Ministry at St John Neumann Catholic Church in Irvine, California. For four years, Samantha was at the head of three programs designed to help high school teens develop their own faith. To make this possible, Samantha managed a team of 40 different volunteers and two assistant staff members. She developed the curriculum for these programs, formed the leadership teams that implemented them, and developed the budget that made it all possible.

Samantha began fundraising actively for her programs in order to provide more opportunities for teens to grow in faith. Through her efforts, Samantha was able to secure sufficient funding to take more than 40 teens to a week-long summer camp and four staff members to a training conference. She loved advocating for the youth and engaging parishioners to support the mission of youth ministry.

Samantha also volunteered extensively with the American Red Cross, where she helped their financial development team develop relationships with local churches.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the University of California, Irvine

Personal: Samantha was born and raised in France and moved to the United States as a teenager. She loves a strong cup of coffee, traveling, and all things related to history. During her free time, she enjoys having great conversations over a good meal with friends and family, reading, and being active. She is a member of the Young Nonprofit Professional Network of Orange County and on the leadership team for Young Catholic Professionals of Orange County.