

Charlie Kirk Murder Sparks Wave of People Returning to Church

In Scottish, “kirk” means “church,” a perhaps apt observation in the wake of Charlie Kirk’s murder – and the surge in church attendance that seems to have followed his assassination.

While speaking to Deseret News earlier this year, Kirk said the secular world needed to be pointed “toward getting back to the church, getting back to faith, getting married, having children,” adding, “That is the type of conservatism that I represent, and I’m trying to paint a picture of virtue, of lifting people up, not just staying angry.”

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It seems – tragically – in his death, the Turning Point USA founder could get his wish.

Matt Zerrusen, cofounder of the Catholic college organization Newman Ministry, told the Catholic News Agency on Monday he has spoken to ministry leaders across the U.S. in the days since Kirk’s murder. He said that “every one of” the leaders he’s spoken with told him “they’ve seen bigger crowds” in Masses, including many people “they’ve never seen before.”



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“I have not talked to anyone who has not seen an increase in Mass attendance,” he said. “Some schools are reporting increases of 15%.”

Many, Zerrusen added, are asking for spiritual guidance, too.

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“So many people are asking, ‘What do I do?’ ‘What is evil?’ ‘How does God allow this?’” he said. “They are asking so many basic questions.”

And social media was full of people sharing they were attending church services for the first time.

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“We went to church today,” revealed a TikTok user named Brittany. “It was the first time in 20 years for me and Devin. It was the first time for our children. After the events of the last week, Devin and I had a lot of talking that was happening between us about the type of life that we want for ourselves and how we want our boys to be.”

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