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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ADDS SURFING TO GROWING LIST OF FCA SPORTS MINISTRIES

(Kansas City, MO) – For over 50 years, surfing has captured the interests of Americans, sparking the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to add the sport to a growing list of FCA Sports Ministries. FCA has sponsored surf camps for the past five summers, and has seen steady growth in attendance each year, indicating an interest among participants to surf for a higher purpose.

Joe Matera, an avid surfer since 1975, was named the National Director of FCA Surf. "Surfing may be one of the best venues to reach people for Jesus Christ as surfers are already in love with God's creation; the ocean, sun, waves and the beach," Matera explains. "It is such a good fit to want to know and have a relationship with the Creator of it all." Joe has been on the New Jersey FCA staff for the last eight years. He and his wife, Laura live Ocean City, New Jersey with their three girls Claire, Kate and Louise. All three girls are surfers and the family is very involved with FCA Surf Camps in the New Jersey area.

FCA Surf is the 10th national sport in FCA Sports Ministries. The others are Baseball, Endurance, Golf, Health & Fitness, Lacrosse, Motocross, Skateboarding, Hockey and Cheerleading. To find out more go to <http://www.fcasports.org>.

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About FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the heart and soul in sports, is touching millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports ministry in the world and focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

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