



YOUTH NEWS

Greetings to All! It has been an honor and a privilege to be able to educate the 9-12 students here in our Youth Program. Our average class size is around 30 students each week. Many thanks to all of the staff and supporters of the Youth Program, especially the parents who have been assisting our classes with snacks and food for the students (the food is a big hit). We began our "Journey" themed year by discussing God's design for man. This has included topics such as why God created us, Eternal and Natural Law, Conscience, Truth, Happiness, and Freewill. We recently 'set-out' on our journey, starting with Eucharistic Adoration in the Youth Room, followed by a discussion on the Armor of God, and an in-depth look at the verse "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." Throughout the remainder of the year, we will discuss how our Faith helps us all on our journey to Heaven. One goal this year is to emphasize how our Faith can be applied practically in our everyday lives. A personal favorite for myself was the discussion among the students regarding the question: "Is it hard to get to Heaven?", it was so neat to hear the different responses and explanations given. In a world that is drifting further away from our Lord, it has been such a blessing to see so many students show up with a desire to learn about our Faith. Moving forward, I will be trying to schedule additional activities that allow the students to spend time with their peers outside of the classroom. In conclusion, I would like to extend an invitation to all parish members to keep our Youth Program in their prayers.

Best Regards,

Matthew Samson, Youth Coordinator

Lastly, a journey quote by my favorite author:

"The greatest adventure is what lies ahead.
Today and tomorrow are yet to be said.
The chances, the changes, are all yours to make.
The mold of your life is in your hands to break."
-J.R.R. Tolkien

Student Quotes

"I HAVE ENJOYED RE ALL AROUND THIS YEAR! THE LESSONS HAVE BEEN INTERESTING AND WE HAVE HAD GOOD FOOD AND FUN GAMES. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT REST OF THE YEAR!"

"The Youth Group is a fun way for highschoolers to gather and learn about God and their faith together in an enjoyable way."

