**High School Retreat**

**April 9, 2016**

12:00- 12:45 Adult volunteers meet. Go through the plan of the day, small group training (how to lead a small group for this retreat) and questions, assignments, small group room assignments and set up. Work with partner, if have one, and go through the day looking at the questions and sessions planned and come up with approach your small group. Lunch

12:45- 1:00 Welcome High School students, name tags and mingle. Also cell phone check in.

1:00-1:20 Meet and Greet: Intros, dividing into groups for the rotations. Plan of the Day- introduce the theme to be called - scripture that teaches us to be the hands and feet, to meet Jesus in the poor and needy.

1:20-1:30 Go to work site.

1:30- 3:30 Hours of service

Thousand Island- Jane Eiting

St. Paul’s Home- Letitia Talbot

Elizabeth Ministries- Suzie Klein

Garbage Clean up at Walk in town – Dylan Dreger

Cemetery work- Tom Doughman and Dean Meyer

Mary Roberts home crew- Carol Miller

Confirmation- Jack Klein and Jason Beifuss (Talk with Elizabeth while making door hangers then head out and knock on doors giving them door hangers and praying for the people that live at that house.)

3:30-3:40 Return to St. Mary’s and prepare for Mass

3:50-5:15 Mass

5:15- 6:00 Dinner

6:00- 6:15 Talk in small groups about the experience- what did they see? How did it impact them? Did they see Christ in those they served? What did they learn?

6:15 – 6:30 small groups work on Presentations

6:30- 6:50 Small groups share experience with large group- Presentations

6:50- 7:00 Break

7:00- 8:00 Session on Serving Others and why it is so important. Our call to serve.

8:00-9:00 Our call to love and be loved, an encountering God’s outpouring of love- opportunity for confession and adoration and music

9:00-9:45 Session on call to share: recap day and teach how our Mission as His Disciples is LOVE!!! To go out and continue to do what we did that day and the gifts God aid we receive to be His hands and feet.

9:45-10:00 – last debrief- in small groups with leaders of that small group get together and talk about the day… share what you received by giving to others and what are you going to do about it.

10:00-Close and clean up.

**Small Group Leader Question Sheet:**

**Small Group processing of Service** - Create a mini presentation that everyone will be involved in to share with the large group that shows what you did as a team and how it impacted you and others. It can be oral, a play, a poster that you present… etc. The only rule is everyone in your group has to help. Question to help: What is unique about the mission of service of those we helped? What did we do? Was it hard? Was it easy? Why hard? Why easy? What impact did it have on you personally? You as a team? What impact did it have on those we helped? Could we easily see it? Why is it important to serve in this way? What did you learn from this experience? Why? If didn’t like it don’t leave it there ask why. Did it cause them to grow in an uncomfortable way? If they were board did they understand their mission and how they were making a difference? If they liked it don’t leave it there either ask them why. Why did they like it? Did it help them grow? Did they see how they were making a difference? How did you see Jesus in the mission? What they need to have is what their mission was and how they felt they were making a difference and most importantly how did they meet Jesus in their mission.

**Small Groups Questions for Service talk** (15 mins) What I would like you to do is go back in your small groups and discuss: What is that inner need? Why are we called to serve? How can we serve those who are in need even if we can’t help them materially? Who are the people we are called to serve every day and how can we serve them? Pope Francis says that, “The creation accounts in the book of Genesis contain, in their own symbolic and narrative language, profound teachings about human existence and its historical reality. They suggest that human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself.” What does this mean for us? If these relationships are fundamental what do we need to be doing? Are we building these relationships up or letting them fall to pieces? Why might these relationships be important? Are they connected? If so how?

**Small group questions for call to Imitate and Invite** (after Dylan’s Talk) **-** (15 mins) Ask them about their adoration experience. What was it like for them? Then: What is something that you want to take from today and use in everyday life? How are you called? How will you serve those in need, those in your family, those in your school, those that you pass by every day? How will you share what you learned today with others? Make a plan of action and maybe talk to some friends about having an accountability group to help encourage you to live out what you want to do.