

This month the Campus Ministry hosted a retreat for Sts. Peter and Paul. When we show up to tell others about God, it's funny how we often find Him speaking to us in ways we weren't expecting. This was the experience of one of our Retreat Team members, Emily Savant (12th).

"When I was told I was going to be helping at the Sts. Peter and Paul retreat, I was a little nervous and didn't quite know what to expect. I walked in scared I wouldn't impact anyone, but when I left that day I was truly filled with joy. In the short time I was there, I could see the potential to bring their 8th grade class together, and by the end of the retreat I felt the ministers helped them take a huge step in unifying their class. I personally felt I helped the most during the prayer circle, which gave the students an opportunity to open up and talk about what was on their hearts. That being said, not only was this retreat for the eighth grade students, but also for the retreat team members. It gave us all an opportunity to take a break from our school work and give time to God. Being there definitely helped me to fully understand what our theme is all about this year. It's been said many times "Be Not Afraid," but I didn't know what it meant for me yet. As a child of God, I shouldn't be afraid to ask Him for help. He wants to walk with me and carry my daily struggles with his cross; He never wants me to be alone. I cannot be fearful of Him, because all He wants is for me to allow Him into my life. Now that I recognize this, it is something that I personally need to accept. Once I allow God to do this for me, I know everything else in my life will fall into place, and I will experience true joy."

Even when we are sharing Christ with others, He still speaks to us. And this year, He is definitely reminding us to "Be Not Afraid." May we all turn to Him in the moments where we find ourselves struggling, and by seeking Him may we encounter and fully experience Him in our lives.