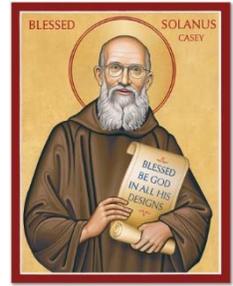


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Our Sixth and Seventh Grade Retreat Was Today!



Dear Parents,

The sixth and seventh graders participated in a wonderful class retreat today! We hope that you ask your child about their experience and how they grew closer to Jesus and brought the Gospel to life through the activities. Here is a little bit of information about our retreat. The theme of the retreat was "Ask, Seek, and Knock" connecting to the power of prayer that Jesus describes in the Scripture passage Matthew 7:7-12. We began our retreat with a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit and ended with a time of active reflection at Holy Name. The day was filled with reflective prayer and engaging activities to inspire our faith. Blessed Father Solanus Casey is an example of holiness and simplicity right in our own community who can inspire us to grow in virtue and bring the Gospel to life.

We:

- visited the Solanus Casey Center
 - o participated in Mass celebrated by a Capuchin friar
 - o explored the center on a guided tour
 - o prayed at the tomb of Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey where many pilgrims leave prayer intentions
- Participated in a reflection activity
 - o read stories of the many miracles performed through Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey during his life
 - o wrote a reflection and our own spiritual mottos
 - o received a third class relic badge of Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey

We hope that you help your child to extend their retreat experience by continuing to develop a spirit of prayer, humility, and trust in God's grace every day. The Blessed Father Solanus Casey miracle stories can be found at www.solanuscenter.org/extraordinary and referred to for your family's inspiration. Consider creating a spiritual motto as a family that will unite and encourage you as you grow closer to God together.

Blessings in Christ,

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