



Parent Newsletter

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Dear EDGE Parent,

Happy Easter! As we tell the teens, Easter isn't just a day but a season and the hope and joy we have comes from knowing our Risen Lord. Alleluia!

During the last few months of EDGE our theme is "Living out our Life in Christ". The first night of the semester was on our Universal Call to Holiness. We began the evening with the small groups competing in a game that asked different questions about the Saints, our role models in holiness. I talked to the teens about their individual call to holiness and how that looks different for each of us. God created us all with a purpose and finding that purpose and then fulfilling that purpose is our true path to holiness. We then spent some time in our small groups discussing how they can live out that call within their homes and at their schools. We closed the evening with some very theatrical skits depicting how the teens can model holiness and saintly behavior.

Our second night in March was on Vocations. We began the evening by breaking into our small groups and discussing what the teens wanted to do when they grew up and what they would need to do to reach that goal. We were then presented with a skit called "Job Opening" where Jesus interviewed a few very excited, controlling applicants. The last applicant finally asked the question "What do you need?" The skit led into the teaching that focused on the same question that we all need to ask our Creator, "What do you want me to do with this life you have given me?" We closed the evening in the chapel with some music and quiet reflection on God's unique plan for each of us.

The last night of the month was our night dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The focus of the entire night was on God's incredible mercy. The teens moved through four different stations during the evening; Reconciliation, The Divine Mercy Chaplet; Scripture Reflection & Forgiveness letters. As a core team, it is always one of our favorite nights of the year because the teens show such an incredible level of prayerfulness and reverence.

The EDGE year is quickly coming to an end. We understand as the days get longer and the weather gets warmer it becomes a little more difficult to get the teens here. Thank you for the extra boost you may give your teen and your continued prayers and support!!

Peace in Christ,

Heather Gilbertson & the EDGE Core Team