



Dear Father Andrew White School Families,

"Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord, I want to see you!" This is how the teachers began their morning on the day of our school retreat, praying for your student's ability to see God and the many ways that He loves them dearly. Click [here](#) to see the inspirational singer, Christopher Duffley that we listened to, who shows us that possibilities are limitless with the eyes of our hearts open to God's plan.

What a beautiful day our school experienced at Camp Maria! The weather was perfect! We opened our morning with an outdoor Mass, celebrated by Fr. Ted, pastor of St. Francis Xavier. Our choir, led by Mrs. Cacko did a wonderful job singing and as one of our students stated, "Singing is praying twice!" The students then participated in several faith stations. Fr. Ted led a talk on how to serve God. He reminded us to pray, help the poor, to be faithful to God, generous with our time and to have patience with others.

The students participated in praise and worship with Mr. David Stewart and his co-musician, Mrs. Val. They also spent time in Eucharistic Adoration. Being in a room with 70 children who stayed completely silent while praying before Jesus, in the presence of the Holy Eucharist, was an amazing and joyful experience.

After a fun lunch and outdoor recess time with friends, the students played Pictionary by illustrating the mysteries of the rosary, had a team challenge to build a house with STEM kits after answering faith questions and created artwork based on our theme for the year, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15.

The day culminated with a skit written for the teachers by Ms. Johnson. A huge thank you to our retreat team, Deacon Joe Vavrus, Mrs. Amy Gavin, Mrs. Kristen Haley and Mrs. Kim Stewart whose meticulous preparation led to such a successful experience for the FAW community!

My prayer for your family and for my family is that we ask God to continue to reveal Himself, so that we will know Him more, love Him more and live for Him with bold faith that leads others to Him. Remember to take your child to Mass this weekend!

Have a wonderful day!

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