



Dear Holy Family Parish,

Hello from America! Thank you for your support in this mission with NET Ministries by helping me to achieve my fundraising goal. This is a little update of my mission so far, thank you for being a part of it!

13th August: Our arrival day at the NET Centre, meeting all the 100 other missionaries!

16th August: We went to a camp called Trinity Woods in Wisconsin, where we spent 2 weeks of spiritual formation. Our time was filled with prayer, talks and small group discussions where we got to know each other and grow closer to the Lord. We were joined by the current NET community alongside many families who had previously done a mission year with NET! Many priests, Brothers and Sisters from religious communities also joined us which was such a blessing!

On the last night of our stay at camp, we had a big Team Announcement Night! After lots of prayer and meetings, the staff placed all the missionaries into teams.

I was assigned to 'Team 4' and I'm blessed to be the Team Leader for my team. Alongside my co-leader Anthony, we will lead the team and plan the Catholic retreats for young people.

Throughout this mission, we will travel to the Eastern and Southern states of North America; we will run retreats in these states (see map).



30th August: We came back to the NET Centre and started our ministry training preparation. Over these weeks, we prepared our own talks, testimonies and skits for the retreats.

14th September: Our Commissioning Mass was celebrated by the Bishop at St Paul's Cathedral. He personally blessed every missionary; we were also presented with a John Paul II Cross for our journey! It was a memorable final send off!

We are thrilled to start our mission, running retreats for the young people in schools and parishes. Be assured of my prayers for you all.



May the Lord's peace be with you,
Stephanie

