

Fall Retreats Promoters' Meeting
Results of Our Prayer Exercise
July 29, 2010
Loyola House of Retreats

Scripture Passage: (*John 1: 35-41* – “Come, and you will see.”)

What struck me was this: they stayed with Him. We must stay with Him; spend time to allow the Word of God to sink in.

We find the Messiah, Jesus at Loyola on the retreat where we spend time with Him. As Promoters, this is our job, to point to Him and to point others to Him.

What struck me was Jesus' question: “What are you looking for?” We think we know what we are looking for but God always surprises us.

John the Baptist points to Jesus and identifies Him as the Lamb of God which means to me that Jesus is for others. We too point to Jesus and identify Him for others in our own way.

What touched me was the identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. That means to me that in Jesus we find the presence of God on earth. I also understand that we need time; we need to spend time with Jesus to allow this to touch us.

I felt gratitude in my heart and an eagerness to learn more from Jesus who Communicate God to us and therefore communicates Life to us.

Jesus' question “What are you looking for?” stood out for me. The Loyola retreat brings me to a crossroad every year. I am opened to the question: What graces do I need, are being offered to me, in the coming year?

All of us here believe, as the disciples in this passage believe, that we have found the Messiah. We find Him, among other places, in the Loyola retreat.

I felt that I was looking for nothing, because I feel that Jesus has found me. I am content with and grateful for that at this point in my life.