

**Fall Promoters' Meeting
Prayer Exercise
July 28, 2009
Loyola House of Retreats**

Scripture Passage: (*Luke 6:46-49* – “The Foundation”)

- “I felt humbled: we are chosen – Christ chose us! – and called us to be His representatives.
- “I asked: ‘*What graces does God give to me to do the work of Jesus?*’ We come to Loyola to be strengthened in those graces and therefore to be strengthened in doing the work of Jesus. And then I asked: ‘*What graces do I need to promote the Loyola retreat?*’ ”
- “My feeling: I love coming to Loyola; the feeling is loving being at Loyola. I therefore have a desire to share it with my brothers and sisters so that they can come to have this experience. At bottom the feeling is being close to the Lord.”
- “I have a feeling of trust and hope – in the Scripture passage the floods could not shake the well built house. The foundation is faith and love of the Lord which is strengthened at Loyola.”
- “I simply have a feeling of being called by the Lord.”
- “I realized from the Scripture passage that the foundation depends on whether I/we listen to Jesus or not.”
- “I felt called to share the love of Jesus who is the foundation.”
- “We are the foundation, i.e. those who come on retreat and pass it on through family members; generations come to Loyola.”
- “I thought of the words ‘Our Father’ and ‘Thy Kingdom come’. The Loyola retreat helps us to build that Kingdom of God in the world that so needs it.”
- “I realized that the foundation is our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is all about the *friendship* that He speaks about in John 15. Friendship with Jesus is the foundation and therefore the foundation is solid and that is what we ‘work on’ with Jesus during the Loyola retreat.”
- “Bottom line for me is what the Loyola retreat does for me and my family. I helps me to realize what *I ‘should be doing* (in the best sense of ‘should’) Loyola helps to put that on a solid foundation.”
- “I feel called to evangelize.”
- “The Lord wants me to act the way I should and I need the collaboration of people at and who attend the Loyola retreat.”

- "Loyola gives us Christ who is the reality upon which to build the foundations of our lives."