

Winter and Spring Promoters' Meeting
Prayer Exercise
January 14, 2010
Loyola House of Retreats

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

- “I was reminded that to build our foundation on Rock, we must dig deeply as the preparation work for laying the foundation. Coming to Loyola is a way to do that preparation work. It is a way to focus on the work without distractions.”

- “I was touched by the knowledge that family is my foundation and my Catholic education.”

- “Jesus said in the passage: “I will show you....” He went on to say this about the one who listens to His Word and acts on it. This is the same as Jesus talking about Christian Character; what does and will elicit from God another statement: “Well done good and faithful servant.”

- “I heard Jesus say in the passage “Come!” An invitation from the Lord to hear the Word and act on it. This is both the character of Loyola and the character of what we do and want to do as Promoter.”

- “My vision of the passage was seeing Jesus as the cornerstone upon which to align and build the foundation. Loyola is a place of renewal and place to find the “mortar” to work on the foundation and to build it.”

- “When I come to Loyola it helps me stay focused on the foundation for the coming year. I can ask what kind of father am I being? How am I toward my children? Etc. I do have a deep concern about the youth of today and where they get their inspiration. It is a question for me? They need a foundation. And I wish they had one like mine/ours. How do we reach them?”

- “I heard the phrase about “not acting.” It possible to see Jesus, to say “That’s great,” but through apathy to let it go in one ear and out the other (Note from the editor – Jesus certainly experienced that in the Gospel, especially with the religious leaders). The “in-between”: the “and” between *hearing* “and” *acting*; that in-between is where motivation is needed. That’s the missing ingredient for many.”

- “I thought of the foundation as what we are taught and how we learn it. It’s about the Truth. My foundation for motivation (see prayer result above) has been the life of St. Ignatius Loyola; how he actually lived his life. His way of living; his spirituality teaches a sound response to God.” (Note from the editor: Ignatian spiritual is referred to as “contemplation in action” i.e. hearing the Word and action on it; or finding the Word in the world and acting with it.)

- “ I recalled the invitation of Jesus about the one “who comes to me.” That is what we are about as Promoters. If they come they will hear and act – that’s what we do in making the invitation. It raises a question: how do we inspire them to come?”

- “I was touched by the fact that the foundation is Jesus and that means digging deeply into our hearts so that they open more widely and to share with the world what is in our hearts. And what is there is the walk with the Lord that we are making. We have to *stay close* and to *seek* . People will see that and they will come. It is all about the love of God.”

- “I was reminded of my vocation that came to me through Loyola because I experienced God’s love for me. That has been and is my foundation.”

Thank you, Lord