

Winter Promoters' Meeting
Prayer Exercise
November 5, 2009
Loyola House of Retreats

Scripture Passage: (*Luke 6:46-49* "The Foundation")

- I realized that hard work is required to maintain the foundation. To that we are called.
- We are called to *listen* and to *act* – put Christ's words into action.
- Our call as Christians and promoters at Loyola is to find the foundation that is there. This is a continuous process.
- I see our role as Christians is to listen and to act rather than to merely question the words of Jesus.
- I realized that God shows us the way, the foundation, through the people he puts into our lives.
- I heard: Listen – act: the foundation needs to be renovated and maintained. That is what we get at the Loyola retreat.
- The word "like" struck me in the passage: to be like Christ it is necessary to be opened to Him; Loyola is a place where we are opened to the fertilization of the soul, i.e. to this grace.
- I heard: Come – Listen – Act: this is what Loyola is all about. We are brought out of our comfort zones. Our role as promoters is the first part: to make the invitation – "Come."
- In the parable I saw the river burst against the house. These are the challenges of life: health, children, finances, etc. The Foundation is the key to the house standing in the midst of these challenges.
- I realized that the silence is key to receiving Christ in the retreat.
- I asked what are the tools we have and need to build the house; build our spirituality?
- I simply heard "Build Loyola". And do not fail to look to the youth.