

# ST. DOMINE SAVIO catholic High School FORMATION AND MINISTRY



# 2016–2017 Annual Report of Ministries

# TIMOTHY TEAM PEER MINISTRY

Living as Disciples, Striving for Deeper Encounter with Christ

## **TIM Team Members** 2016-2017

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"Let no one despise your youth, but set believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

-1 Timothy 4:12



**TIM Team** 

Timothy

the faith life of our

working tirelessly and

praying constantly to

draw the students, facul-

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## Statement

this Report Each year at St. Dominic Savio,

the Timothy Team facilitates programs and opportunities for the community at the school to grow in relationship with Christ and His Church. To do this, the TIM Team is made up of various smaller "area" groups: Sacraments, the Word, Music, Retreats, Christian Life and Resource. This report chronicles each area's work and

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Our theology teachers, The Timothy Team is a though amazing, are ofgroup of student peer ten hard pressed to be ministers that strives to teachers as well as camlead the St. Dominic pus ministers. In 2013, Savio community to a these teachers chose to deeper encounter with create a leadership team Christ by living as discidedicated to facilitating ples while supporting and supporting the spirand facilitating the spiritual life of the school. itual life of the school. Team (abbreviated TIM Team) is now a vital center of

"Together In Ministry"



## Focus On: Formation Faculty

It is difficult to describe what a privilege it is to work with the Timothy Team and support their work of evangelization and ministry. This extraordinary group of young people has unceasingly inspired us as they serve as conduits of the Holy Spirit in our community. They have worked tirelessly to grow as servant leaders in the image of Christ and to help everyone around them to do the same. The liturgies, retreats, prayer, and other activities that are the beating heart of our Catholic school are given life through their effort, love, and prayer. It is with great joy that we present this account of their work in the 2016– 2017 school year.







#### Timothy Team Covenant

We, the Timothy Team, as peer ministry leaders for the St. Dominic Savio community, commit ourselves to a Christian standard of living that reflects our love of God and the message of the Gospel. Each member is expected to:

- model servant leadership in the image of Christ, help each other and all those around them to draw nearer to God in worship, prayer, and fellowship
- be excellent representatives of the Saint Dominic Savio community and the Austin Diocese on campus, in everyday life, and in the use of social media
- fulfill his or her responsibilities with excellence and as a service to Christ and His Church

#### Clergy serving the Savio Community this year:

- Fr. Barry Cuba
- Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.
- Fr. Chuck Kullmann, C.S.P.
- Fr. Dean Wilhelm
- Fr. Dennis Strach, C.S.C.
- Fr. Ed Koharcek
- Fr. Francisco Rodriguez III
- Fr. Froy Jerez
- Fr. James Misko
- Fr. Jesus Ferras, ISP
- Fr. Jimmy Hsu
- Fr. Jonathan Raia
- Fr. Mike Powell
- Fr. Ranjan Cletus
- Fr. Ray Dowling
- Fr. Rich Andre, C.S.P.
- Fr. Richard Sparks, C.S.P.
- Fr. Sean DeWitt
- Fr. Tom Frank

Deacon David Ochoa Deacon Dave Montoya Deacon Javier Maldonado



## At a Glance 34 Masses

9 opportunities to encounter Christ during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4 opportunities to

become involved in Liturgical Ministries throughout the year during quarterly trainings.

14 Altar Servers

## 13 Sacristans

**34** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

22 Hospitality Ministers

For each Mass, we have 10 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 4 Altar

Servers, and 2 Sacristans who serve their community and help us to pray and worship



## What we do:

As Sacrament TIMs, we exist to facilitate the liturgical life and worship of our school communi-We hope to give students tv. and the whole community at Savio ownership of their faith through active participation in the liturgy. We do this by scheduling Liturgical Ministers for Mass, taking care of the chapel, and facilitating all -school Exposition each month.

We manage the schedule for more than seventy students and faculty who serve as Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of

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in the liturgy.

refresh the Holy Water, update colors for each liturgical season, and ensure the space is clean, orderly and inviting. Throughout the school we create reminders of the liturgical seasons including banners, posters, tablecloths. flower ar-

rangements, and more to draw our community further into the Church's life of prayer and worship. We also lead preparations in the gym to transform that space into a

Hospitality ministers. We also care

for the Chapel, which is always

open for our community to encoun-

ter Christ. We change out candles,

sanctuary for prayer if we have Mass at school or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

As we continue, we hope to foster better engagement in the liturgy for all students, especially those who





feel distant or disconnected. For Exposition, we are working to finalize a prayer booklet. This booklet contains prayers and exercises that students can use if they want to pray and just do not know what to say, or if they just want to praise God in a different way. We also hope to host retreats for each liturgical ministry to support each minsters' relationship with God and enrich their service at Mass. Also, in the future, we will be transitioning to a larger role as "Sacristan TIMs" which will include managing Lectors in addition to the other liturgical ministries and give us responsibility to care for more of the supplies used in various Formation activities, even beyond the liturgy itself. In all of this, we hope to continue our mission to invite our peers to encounter Christ.

## A Closer Look: Kevin Martinez, Senior

The faith life at St. Dominic Savio, and especially the opportunity to serve on the Timothy Team, is a blessing beyond belief for me. The ability to live out my faith in public in our school, is just a part of this gift that I would not be able to receive anywhere else. What makes this place standout for me is the genuine care for us, the students, not just academically but also spiritually from the administra-

tion all the way down through the faculty. Through retreats, Steubenville, conferences, service, and even our monthly adoration in the gym, I have been able to receive personal growth in faith, academic and spiritual formation, and what it takes to be a servant leader in the Image of Christ. As we all know, being a teen can be tricky, confusing, and difficult. If it wasn't for weekly Mass, time in the chapel between classes, and even the freedom of talking about God, I don't think my life would be nearly as great. From the beginning of freshman year to now, I have a grown in my understanding of God's love for me. I have found that even through the challenging times of high school, God is always there. I have always heard this, but it is clearer now. You do not really know until it is tested. I am so grateful to be able to help make these opportunities available for my classmates and friends through the Timothy Team.



#### Community Views

"Liturgical Ministry has been a good opportunity to experience Mass in a different Way. It's also been a good way to grow in my relationship with God."

-Micaela Vance, Senior

"Alter serving helps me to come closer to God through serving at His table."

-lan Kloc, Junior

"I really enjoyed being a hospitality minister because I was able to serve God by making people smile as they walk in."

-Kelsy Kelemen, Freshman

"Becoming a Eucharistic Minister has always been a dream of mine, so becoming one this year was amazing! I am so thankful to be able to serve the Savio community in this way."

-Analisa Rodriguez, Freshman

"I feel like it allows me a way to be close to God in the setting up of the great sacrament of the Eucharist. And I just think it is an amazing opportunity to lead the Savio community in Mass and the Liturgy.

-Bianca Aridjis-Olivos, Sophomore

More than **200** Prayers of the Faithful written

**35** greetings to begin Mass

**190** morning prayers for the school community to begin their day with Christ

**5** student witnesses recruited and prepared

**6** training sessions for liturgical ministers

**5** faculty and staff lectors

25 student lectors

#### Morning Prayer for the Liturgical Seasons :

- October for Life: One Pro-Life Intention/ Day
- Advent: "O Antiphons"- messianic names of Christ from the Old Testament
- Christmas: Contemplation of the journey of the Magi
- Lent: Reflections on Christ's Mercy and challenges to keep our fasts
- Octave of Easter: Psalm 146- the first mention of "Alleluia"
- St. Dominic Savio's Feast Day: Novena to St. Dominic Savio
- Easter Season: Remembering our Baptism through Scripture



What we do as Word TIMs is witness to God speaking in our life in a way that high school students can relate to and understand. In other words, we foster an encounter with Christ, the living Word, who gives Himself to us in every moment of our day, particularly in Scripture and in the Mass.

One of the biggest responsibilities entrusted to the Word TIMs is to prepare for the Mass, especially in service to the Liturgy of the Word. To prepare for Mass, lectors need to be recruited, trained, mentored, and scheduled. For every school Mass,

Word TIMs and one Lector Lead arrive early to prepare all the physical elements, including the lectionary and mics, and to review and pray with the lectors.

In recruiting and training lectors, we are able to

personally reach out to students in our community and draw them into conversations about faith and ministry. Often, in recognizing and pointing out the gifts of speech, joy, and reverence God has given to our fellow classmates, there is an opportunity for relationship that opens. In this, lectors can better see their importance in the Church and the great love God has for them.

While training lectors, we take special care in explaining to them the how's *and* the why's of every movement and pause. For example, we discuss how bowing towards the altar points to the truth that this is where the feast occurs, and where Christ comes down by the power of the Holy Spirit to gather His people into oneness with the Holy Trinity. Every movement done and every word spoken by the lector is meant to point to the living Word's presence in the Liturgy. Lectors are asked to reflect on and pray ever the readings for the Masses they are scheduled to serve, that God's Word may truly pass through their lips and into the hearts of His faithful.

Word TIMs are also responsible for preparing prayer for our community. We reflect on the readings and prepare the Prayers of the Faithful for every Mass. Our school Mass intentions are

"We foster an encounter with Christ, the living Word" meant to speak to the hearts of our classmates, and help them to hear and respond to God speaking to the in the Scripture given to us on that day. This happens most fully when we write petitions while praying, asking the Holy Spirit to teach us how to pray.

Another aspect of our work is inviting students to witness to their peers prior to First Friday Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and to support them in their courageous sharing of their personal encounters with Christ. This past year, we worked in close partnership with the Sacrament TIMs in discerning who to invite to witness for each Exposition. A system was set in place for witnesses to practice prior to Exposition. Members of the Timothy Team and a friend invited by the witness come together during lunch to listen to a student's witness before it is shared with the entire student body. This is done in order to show the student witness that he or she was supported and not alone in the walk of faith, to give presentation tips, and to pray for the witness.



"And the Word was made Flesh and made His dwelling among us..." John 1:14



School Morning Prayer is another way that Word TIMs reach out to the student body through prayer and scripture. Through morning prayer, we are able to facilitate our community's reflection on different liturgical seasons and feast days. Each season calls for creativity and reflection on God's infinite love and mercy, and each prayer is meant to bring students into a posture pointed towards God.

In all of these endeavors, we seek to hear God's voice and help our community to do the same. We pray this works leads us all to more fully respond to God's infinite love!

Accomplishments of the Word TIMs this year include an increase in the number of lectors recruited this year for liturgical ministers. We went from 23 lectors total to 30 lectors. Last year, only 15 of the recruited lectors were students. This year, 25 out of the the 30 lectors were students. This can only mean that more and more students are opening their hearts to the call of ministry.

We were also able to be more creative in morning prayer. During Ordinary Time, we decided to build a special devotion to the Holy Spirit through the "Anima Christi" prayer, as well as use a prayer written by St. John Vianney to praise God. The words from these prayers became habitual for students, and they resonated with their hearts.

The new system set in place for preparing and ministering to student witnesses also proved to be helpful as witnesses became more visibly comfortable with sharing their stories with their classmates before exposition, and the friends they invited to come and support them with the TIMs caught the seed of faith as well.

**Hopes** for next year include providing more ministry and faith building opportunities for our liturgical ministers. The Word TIMs and Music TIMs will be merged into TIM Liturgists and we hope that this will provide a more effective area for coordination of the liturgical music and prayers so that we can give greater glory to God.

## A Closer Look: Dominic Blea, Junior

Being a word Tim has brought me new experiences I couldn't have known were possible. While serving as a Word Tim, I have grown closer to my community and to God by listening to God's Word. In finding ways to better understand God speaking to me and sharing those ways with my peers, I hope that they themselves can understand as well as experience his presence within us. This process has been a great experience. In the past, this was not something I ever thought I would do but now I love it and would never trade this experience for anything else.



## Community Views

"It's nice hearing peers talk about their own experiences instead of reading something given...it's comforting knowing that my fellow students are having some of the same experiences that I have. It reassures me that we are all in it together and that none of us are perfect. But everyone is trying in their own way and we can all help and make an impact on each other."

-Nicholas Isakson, Senior

"[Morning prayer] helps prepare me for my day mentally." -Rachel Givens, Senior

"During Mass the one prayer intention that I remember is the one about the alumni because I think it's sweet that you pray for them, but also it gives me a chance to pray for my particular friends who are alumni."

-Junior student

**134** songs prepared and rehearsed for 35Masses

**3** Liturgical Seasons, including Ordinary Time, Advent, and Easter

18 songs during Lent, including Taize songs

**35** Psalms cantored and accompanied

Worship led for **10** Expositions of the **Blessed Sacrament** 

22 Faith Choir members recruited. trained, and mentored

**5** Musicians in the **Exposition Worship** Band

35 Praise and Worship songs rehearsed and led during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**10** hours of worship and prayer for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

17.5 Hours of Faith Choir rehearsal



As it is beautifully stated in Musicam Sacram, "One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song." As Music TIMs, we try to bring these words to life by supporting and facilitating the worship of the

Savio community through music. Music allows for unity and prayerful meditation, while also elevating the worship of every Mass.

One of our primary jobs

as Music TIMs is to facilitate the worship of God through music at our weekly school masses. This is a thoughtful and prayerful process that includes careful reflection on the Mass readings of the day in order to select hymns that will bring these readings to life. Having the music of the Mass relate to the Word of God that is being spoken at the Mass allows the student body to reflect on its messages as well as the Church's current feasts and seasons.

As Music TIMs, we also play a significant role in our monthly Exposition. With the help of the Adora-

Worship Band, we lead music tion and introduce different ways for students to engage in prayer and encounter Christ in their busy lives. To do this to the best of our ability, we make sure to select songs, schedule rehearsals, and prepare a couple of advance. Along with weeks in this, we create a PowerPoint with lyr-

"Music is the exaltation of the mind derived from things in sound."

ics for each of the songs that we sing to facilitate full and active student participation. Playing eternal, bursting forth music during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has come to be a crucial part of our faith life at

Savio.

In addition to the work we do with Mass and Exposition, there are other events through which we incorporate





music into the school day. For example, during Mercy Week in the month of November, there was an extra Exposition in which the Adoration Worship Band led the students in a song form of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We also sang Marian hymns as students brought forward flowers to lay before the

shrine of Mary in the courtyard during the coronation of Mary in the month of May. By leading the Savio community through music throughout the year, we have found ourselves also growing closer to Christ and growing as leaders.

## Community Views

"The music during Adoration this year has helped me focus on God's presence in my life."

> - Thanh Tran Class of '17

"I found solace in the playing of the ivories during the time of peaceful Adoration."

> - Christian Poblete Class of '17

"The TIMS have found great songs that encourage participation."

– Mr. Daniels,

Principal

#### Next year we hope to...

- Continue to prayerfully plan music for every Mass
- Train more musicians to play and sing at Mass
- Grow the full participation of the student body in the Mass
- Enhance the Mass and Exposition experience

#### A Closer Look: Joseph Prybyla, Senior

For me, being on the Timothy Team and being a part of something bigger than myself in the latter half of high school has helped me focus on what is truly important in my life. TIM Team opened up a place in my life where I can participate in the ministry of Jesus and give of my time and talent to the school and God. Being on TIM Team, as a Music TIM specifically, has allowed me to pursue and continue a part of my life that I have come to cherish and love: that of music. I never really knew how beautiful and amazing it can be to play music until I began playing hymns on the piano during Savio Masses. Choosing the

music by reflecting on the readings of the day and leading our Faith Choir in worship during Mass deeply affects my being – bringing togeth– er my heart and soul at the site where Heaven and Earth meet. I can think of no better quote that would give justice to my experience as a Music TIM than what Stubb once profoundly said: "Music always lives

in the heart."



**3** Retreat TIMS

8 School– Sponsored Retreats this year

Over **971** hours of service to all **378** students

**45** student leaders preparing and praying for class retreats

**10** witness talks discerned, prepared, and given

**31** faculty and staff members assisting and mentoring students

**27** hours of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration during retreats

**6** Holy Masses prayed on retreat

#### **Retreat Overviews**

"Discover" (Freshman Retreat) takes place on the final day of orientation and includes witness talks, bonding activities, and Exposition.

"Graceful" (Sophomore Ladies Retreat) focuses on growing in grace, community, and confidence with Mary as an example.

 "Fortitude" (Sophomore Men's Retreat) centers on forming strong, respectful, and faithful men for others.
"One" (Junior Street Retreat) encountering Christ in Austin's homeless community through genuine and personal interaction, as well as partnerships with organizations who serve them - Mobile Loaves and Fishes and Feed My People.

"Were Not Our Hearts Burning?" (Senior Retreat) based around the "Road to Emmaus" story; encourages students to look toward how their relationship with Christ will shape



The Retreat area of the Timothy Team focuses on developing the spiritual life of the student body through annual class retreats. The Retreat TIMs are given both the opportunity and responsibility to become evangelists by assisting in the planning and organization of all retreats that Savio offers. Retreats are times in which we can pull back, or retreat, from the world around us. Through this unique experience, we are given a sacred time to reflect on God's voice in our life and our faith, grow spiritually through sacraments and talks, and grow in community through activities. As Retreat TIMs, we mentor and assist the retreat teams that make all of this possible.

Our main focus is aiding retreatants' growth in faith, community, and self -understanding. In addition, each class retreat is specifically designed to address challenges that each class may face as they progress through high school. Since much of our faith formation occurs in a classroom environment, it can be hard to develop deeper spiritual relationships with one's peers. The class retreats offer students opportunities to develop those connections so they can grow in community.

As Retreat TIMs, we also play an integral role in the formation of retreat teams. These students are taken from the grade above the grade level retreat (Juniors for the Sophomore Retreat, etc.) through an application process and are then formed as they



plan the retreat from start to finish, often over the course of many months. We help them develop ideas for activities, formulate witness talks, and deepen their own faith through the planning process. We also offer other ways of "diving deeper" through numerous Formation and Ministry sponsored trips, for which the Retreat TIMs offer vital logistical support. We connect with parishes in order to give students the chance to experience the great diversity of faith opportunities in diocesan and even international retreats and conferences. Over the past years, these trips have included Diocesan Catholic Youth Conferences, Steubenville, World Youth Day, Notre Dame Vision and Godstock. Through these events, Savio students are

able to experience the diverse faith of youth from many backgrounds, and hear the witness and talks of internationally known speakers and musicians. Through all these retreat experiences, both in and out of school, the Retreat TIMs work to foster spiritual, personal, and social development within the student body at Savio.



### Community Views

"The Junior Street retreat was very eye-opening and a great way to encounter the homeless. It taught me to **look beyond** people's appearance." – Grant Nolette '17

"Being a part of the sophomore retreat team was such an amazing experience. I became closer with those all around me and learned what it is to be a woman of God: beautiful, loved and holy! ." -Lily Flack '18, Graceful Leader

"Being a leader on the Sophomore retreat was **instrumental in my faith formation** and hopefully made an impact on the younger students at Savio –Sean Grieshop '17, Fortitude Leader

#### A Closer Look: Mia Barone, Senior

From the moment that I became a member of Timothy Team, I felt like it was my second home! My faith was no longer a "me" thing, but something that drew me closer into a community with others. Each of the students and teachers on Timothy Team radiate Christ's love in a way that is unique!

As a Senior Retreat TIM, I learned a lot about my ability to step us as a leader, both with retreats and on the team in general. I absolutely loved my role as a retreat TIM. It has been so fulfilling to see each team take a retreat from the first meeting to the retreat day! My favorite part is the people – I am always moved by the spiritual growth of the members on the team and the experiences of the students on retreat. I have also gotten to know every student at Savio because I have been on every retreat! Working with, praying with, and getting to know my fellow Retreat TIMs, Thomas and Shelby, has been such a blessing. From inside jokes to theological discussions, they have helped my faith grow in so many ways!

Timothy Team has given me many great gifts. The ones that stand out the most are: a community of people similarly striving to be conformed to Christ, a forum to discuss and develop our faith, and a "toolbox" of prayers, knowledge, and skills that I can use when I encounter hard times in the future. I can say with conviction that Timothy Team has been the very best part of my high school experience! It has formed me in a way, both intellectually and spiritually, that will affect the rest of my life. In college, I know I will seek out (or create!) a similar community of faith.



6 Liturgical seasons planned 1600 Hours served for Imago Christi Day 5700 Student service hours facilitated **38** Feed My People visits fostering **1** deep community relationship

**5** Combined Masses planned and prayed

All-School Divine Mercy Chaplet

2 Reconciliation services organized

5 Days to focus on God's call in our life during Vocation Week

**32** Questions prepared for the Theology Bee

12 House CRS Rice Bowl Jars for our community Lenten practice

**5** Days to celebrate our school and faith during Catholic Schools Week

**12** Stations of the Cross organized and prayed as a school

1 May Crowning with 104 flowers offered to Our Ladv 12 Blankets knitted for

Knots of Love

5 Days Dedicated to celebrated the Divine Mercy of Jesus during Mercy Week

**171** Divine Mercy Chaplets prayed during school lunch



The Christian Life branch of the Tim Team actively works to foster the spiritual life of the Savio community, and so to support the whole-person development of every Savio student. We do this by offering hands-on work for feast days, important weeks like Vocations and Catholic Schools week. and numerous other Savio spiritual community events. As Christian Life TIMs, we work really hard to make sure a variety of aspects of the Savio community's life of faith are attended to as well. We do this by actively working in the liturgies through Eucharistic Ministering and as Sacristans and also by helping with hos-

pitality ministry at Mass. The roles of the Chris- neighbor as yourself.' tian Life area are varied and broad, but united through a focus on encounter with Jesus. By

rooting everything we do in relationship with God, it allows not only the community but also ourselves the opportunity to enter into a deep spiritual relationship with the Lord and help others to encounter Christ.

**This year we** provided the Savio community with various opportunities to grow in their friendship with God. We began the year by celebrating the closing of the Year of Mercy with a Mercy Week filled with Divine Mercy Chaplets. We celebrated Catholic Schools week with a House theology bee, implemented stations of the cross during our Lenten adoration, had a junior ring blessing ceremony during Mass, crowned our

mother Mary during the "You shall love your

There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:31

month of May and organized the Senior blessing and sending during Exposition and Adoration of the Sacrament. Blessed



Next year, we hope to help to continue to provide the Savio community with opportunities to grow in their faith. A Service Club component will be working during an independent study to develop a theologically rich outreach program that can be foundational to the faith life of our school. We hope to bring the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church to life in new initiatives and help our peers to better live out our faith. This is fundamen-

tal to our mission as a Catholic community and we are excited to be able to build in this area. The new areas of liturgists and sacristans will also be taking on a part of the important role of incorporating our faith into every aspect of our community life, planning continued prayer opportunities during lunch, for liturgical seasons, and special events like the Savio Feast Day and May Crowning.

#### Community Views

"I look forward to every Thursday to go to Feed My People , because it has allowed me to foster friendships with people that I would not otherwise do so."

- Katie Artzt, Teacher

"Catholic Schools Week allowed me to understand how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to go to a Catholic school and receive the education I have."

– Madi Todack, Junior

*"The Christian Life area of TIM team has really allowed me to be more open and vocal about my faith."* 

– Kyle Gonsalvez, Junior

*"Imago Christi Day and Vocations Week allowed me to get to know my friends better and make a positive impact on communities in need."* 

– Brandon White, Junior

#### A Closer Look: Cecelia VanGompel, Senior

My sophomore year, when I was invited to become a member of the TIM Team, I had no idea what I had just signed up for. When I say this, I really mean that I had no idea what sort of Spiritual Growth I was heading into and did not know the massive change I was about to undergo as a Child of God!

Within the TIM Team, there is a lot of spiritual growth, not just the Formation and Ministry activities such as setting up for Mass or Adoration. For our Seminar, we have a text that we need to read and analyze from a major theological piece, thus, allowing us to reflect on our own life and the how we can help those around us answer the universal call to sainthood.

I knew I was called to be a saint, but only on the surface. Throughout the past two years, I have come to have a lovely relationship with God, but with relationships, more real and apparent struggles can also emerge. Answering the call to sainthood became a more constant thing that I had to strive for, and it does not end. The call only gets stronger: when I finished one task for the Team, another seemed to pop up, calling me further out of my comfort zone to tend to the needs of my friends and my community. A call this strong also comes with <u>obedience: whe</u>n I particularly do not want to go somewhere

or work in a certain area, it seems as if I would get asked to be there. Through this, I was able to see God in a new way, understanding Him more, and learning to love something I thought I never would.



**2** Resource TIMs

**32** preparations for the celebration of Mass

**9** setups for Morning monthly Adoration

More than **90** Morning prayers prepared for Pro-Life month, Vocations week, Mercy week and other faith formation opportunities

**10** Hours of work on the altar for Dia de los Muertos

Assisted with scheduling for over **70** liturgical ministers

*Innumerable* hours of assistance to Director of Formation and Ministry and other TIM Areas



# Focus On: RESOURCE

Our goal as Resource TIMs is to reach out to not just our teammates, but to everyone around us. Our call was to take on any tasks that other areas needed help with and so we were a resource for them. For example, this year we were able to facilitate setting up the altar of the dead that stands in our school hallway in November. It was very exciting to do because we were new to the team and needed something big to kick off the year. We observed the need for this important way to pray and celebrate our connecting in Christ to those who had gone before, and took the initiative to make



this possible for our community. We also had the opportunity to decorate around the school for different feast days. Mostly, we serve as a helping hand during high intensity work times for Retreats, Christian life, Word, and Sacraments.

#### What We Do

As Resource TIMs, we have seen growth within our community, ourselves, and our relationship to God. This area was challenging at times because we do not have a specific category of work to do, and so were called to discern where we were most needed every week. We found this to be a special role and were able to observe the Team from a unique point of view. On any given week, we go to the Director of Formation and Ministry and the other area TIMs and ask what they are working on. We then seek ways to help with logistics, physical set up, prayer, and brainstorming for the work that the Team is doing. We really enjoyed the variety of work that was shared with us and the excitement of a new task every day. At times, the vast amount of tasks orbiting around us

tested our confidence, but overall, the ability to help so many people in so many ways was very fulfilling. We know we are all united in the goal of growing the faith of our community, and that is the most gratifying part.

#### For The Future

We would like the Resource area to grow in number of people and in opportunities to grow the faith of our community. In the future we hope our area will be developed to host its own projects within our Savio community.



#### A Closer Look: Michael Beyer, Senior

Last year was a rough year in my faith. I had recently moved schools and I was adjusting to the new social atmosphere I was now a part of. With this came many challenges in regards to becoming a better person and better Catholic. Every day seemed to be a struggle in my faith, trying to reevaluate what was important in my life, and how I could work to re-incorporate God into it. Towards the end of the year, after I submitted my application, I was accepted into the Timothy Team. My life, specifically God's role within it, changed dramatically and I was now going to have a community that I could rely on to support my growing faith life. Being a member of TIM Team has lifted the huge burden I felt last year, that I had no one to support me in my return to relationship with God. I give credit to the TIM Team as being a major force in bringing me happiness, instilling strong prayer habits, and ultimately planting God as a firm part of my

life. I am now a better Catholic, and a new person compared to last year. TIM Team has been so important in growing my relationship with God and has been something I will never forget. I now have a more accountable mindset, allowing me to see, quite evidently, the responsibility I have as a Catholic to live according to the principles of our faith and to live that out daily; which I would say is the greatest change. I am proud to say now, in my social life, I am more kind, humble, and aware of the image I should be displaying as a Catholic.



Community Views

"Resource has a special role in our community because they reach out to others when there is help needed." –Joel Uong, Senior

"Resource TIMs have been very crucial in helping all the other areas when we all feel overwhelmed"

– Catherine Bruns, Junior, Sacraments TIM

"The resource TIMs remind me of what it means to serve and pray in silence and in humility. They have helped with all my last minute struggles"

– Amanda Fuentes, Senior Word TIM

-Michael Beyer, Senior Resource TIM

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