

DISCIPLESHIP @ 2020 Eastern Diocesan Altar Server Retreat in Person!

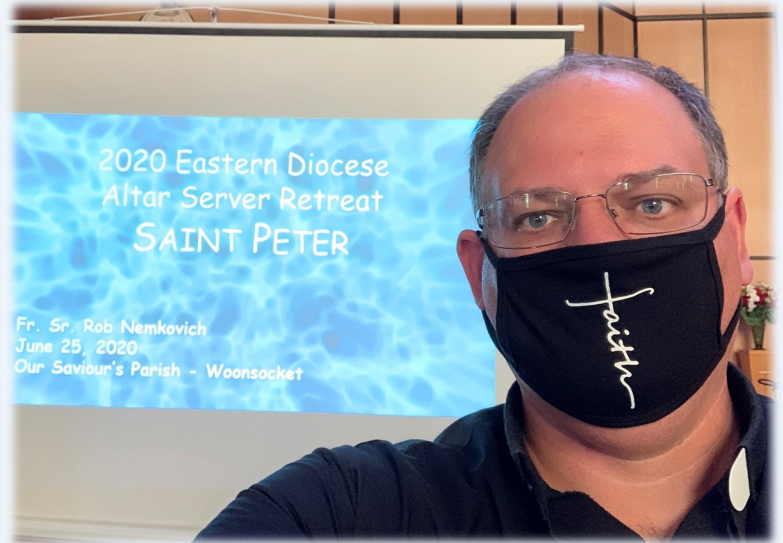


On a beautiful early summer day Altar Servers from four of our diocesan parishes gathered for our 9th annual Diocesan Altar Server Retreat at Our Saviour's Parish in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Masks when social distancing was not possible from servers and adults from different parishes was in place. The theme of this retreat followed the ongoing efforts of the PNCC Future Direction committee and focused on Discipleship 2020 and specifically Saints Peter, Paul and Andrew.





Bishop Paul Sobiechowski celebrated Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th) and Fr. Sr. Joe Soltysiak peached on 22 different candy bars, these Apostles and Jesus' forgiveness that is there for you and I as well. Great job Fr. Sr. Joe as the kids were talking about this sermon on the way back to their home parishes.

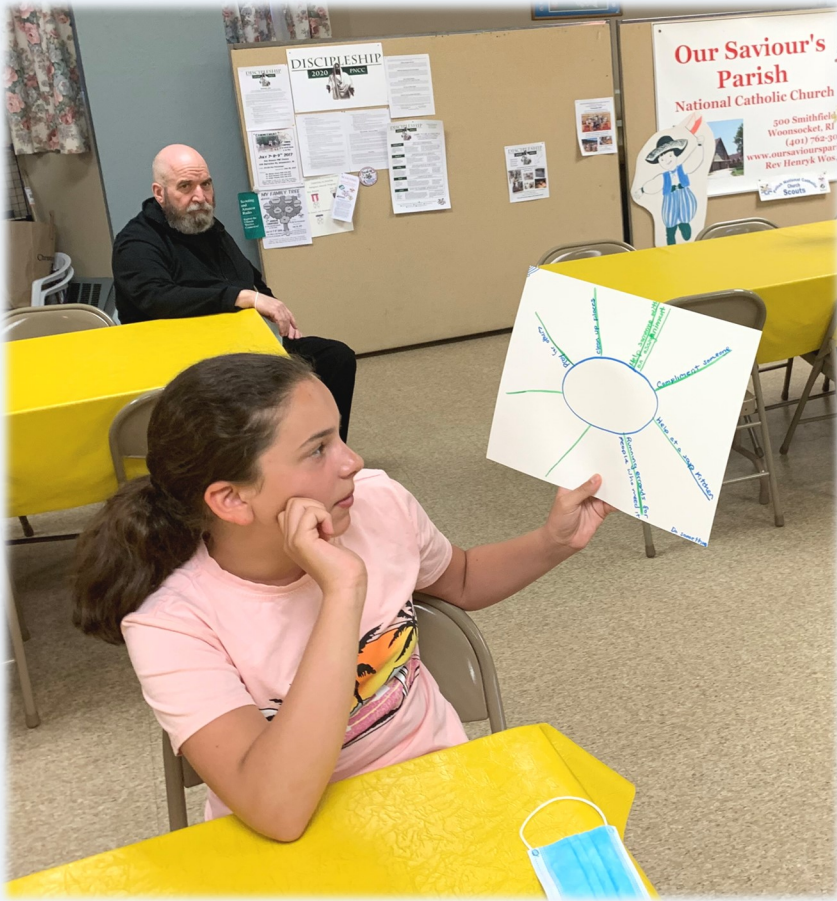


After a group picture and an Altar Server staple - donuts we had a session on St. Peter by Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich. Fr. Sr. Rob shared the May Future Direction message with the servers from Karen Sobiechowski and encouraged them to look out for these monthly videos on social media. The Saddleback Kids followed, teaching about St. Peter and then a dramatic videos of St. Peter and Jesus walking on the water. Fr. Sr. Rob encouraged the servers to always follow our Lord and reminded them that Jesus is always there for us, He loves us and continues to forgive and strength us.



Joanne Olivera from Blessed Trinity led the servers in a discipleship activity of helping others based on the book she highlighted "Same Kind of Different as Me: Everybody can help Somebody". After their discussion and overview of this book the servers from each parish created a bubble graphic illustrating ways they personally can help others - living as disciples of Jesus today.





Fr. Bob Koerber presented on St. Paul and how he changed from a persecutor of the early Christians to perhaps the greatest Christian missionary of the Church.





It was then time for some delicious local Woonsocket pizza - Thank you PNU District 3. Thanks to Brenda for serving everyone. After Lunch Fr. Henryk Wos spoke on St. Andrew and how he is considered by many the First Disciple. He taught about the life of St. Andrew, his missionary efforts, martyrdom on the X cross and his great place in the Orthodox Church.



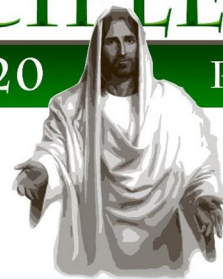


The Bishop gave us his Apostolic Blessing and it was off for swimming and a great time of fellowship, fun and catching up at Lincoln Woods Park! The servers had a great time and you know that the day went well when they didn't want to leave and are excited for next year and our 10th Annual Diocesan Altar Server retreat.

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A big thank you to Fr. Wos and Our Saviour's Parish in Woonsocket for hosting this retreat! Thanks to the Altar Servers from Blessed Trinity in Fall River, Holy Cross in Central Falls, St. Joseph's in Stratford and Our Saviour's in Woonsocket for making the time to learn and grow in the Apostolic and Catholic Faith.

Our Diocesan Youth Retreat is next on the horizon and coming quickly. This will begin on either August 16 or 17 depending upon our location. Discipleship 2020 in action continues - let us be Jesus to all!

Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich Diocesan Youth Chaplain

