



# MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

Dear Families,

Thank you for allowing your middle schooler to serve during our Mission Week! Throughout the week we received inspiration from superheroes and especially [Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati](#). We looked to him to understand how to follow

The Greatest Commandment: *Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, Strength, and your neighbor as yourself.* (Luke 12:27)

He lived a very [normal yet heroic life](#)— he had a love for hiking and spending time with friends, but also made time in his daily life for serving the poor and practicing a great devotion to the Eucharist and Mary. In this newsletter I have included some more wisdom from Pier for you to share with your families to continue the mission to love God and to love others.

May God continue to bless you and your family this summer, and may you continue to find ways that you can live out the greatest commandment in your daily lives.

God Bless,

Lisa Hartsfield  
Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation



Mission Week Photo Album

## During the week we served as at the following places:

- [Mission Northeast](#): packed hurricane preparedness packets, sorted donations, cleaned around the Mission
- [HAAM](#) : sorted school supply donations and worked in food pantry
- [Sarah Care Adult Day Care](#) : visiting seniors and assisting with activities
- [The Village](#) : Visiting/assisting clients in Day Learning Center classrooms
- [Atria Senior Living](#) : visiting seniors and assisting with activities
- [Pine Shadow Retreat](#) : playing Bingo and visiting with residents
- [Family Time - The Door Shelter](#): helped work on grounds of the shelter and visited/played with children staying at shelter
- Provided lunches to and visited with children in a local community in need
- Worked on projects in yards of Senior parishioners
- The Kingwood area on a “Service Scavenger Hunt” - completed random acts of kindness, collected food for a food drive, and had fun!

Click on the links to learn more about these ministries.

Click [here](#) to see a photos of our service and scavenger hunt.

We will continue to serve at many of these locations during our [Service Tuesdays](#).

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR  
**HEART**

**We can love God with our hearts when we do not let anything else become more important than God**

Pier had a genuine love for God that came from his prayer life and devotion to the Eucharist and Mary, his [greatest loves](#). He would often spend whole nights in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He attended Mass daily. Prayer was central to his day.

**Plan some time for you and your family to pray together this summer**— pray a rosary together for a special intention, attend a daily Mass during the week, participate in an evening of prayer at the First Friday Adoration, read and pray through the Sunday's Gospel, pray the [novena](#) to Bl. Pier Giorgio.

AND WITH ALL YOUR  
**SOUL**  
AND WITH ALL YOUR  
**STRENGTH**

**We can love God with our soul and strength when we devote our whole physical existence to God, offering our entire being in effort to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.**

Pier taught us that there is time for all—studies, family, friends, sports, service to others, and prayer. He did all his everyday, normal life activities with joy and with the intention to bring Christ to everyone he met. While hiking he and his friends prayed the rosary, and while studying at the university he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society to meet and serve the poor.

**Find a way that you and your family can glorify God and share your faith** —recognize the gifts and talents of your family members and find a ministry to share them with, find a prayer or patron saint for intercession related to your daily life activities, invite a family member or friend to attend Mass with you.

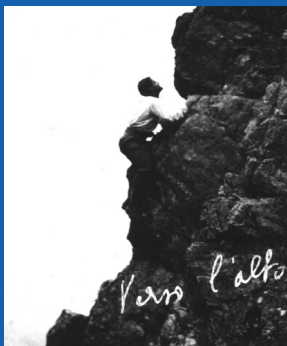
**We can our neighbor as ourselves when we treat others as sons and daughters of God.**

Pier had a heart for the poor. He lived his life for others, and saw Christ in those he served. He said *“Jesus visits me every morning in Communion. I return his visit by visiting the poor.”*

AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.  
LUKE 10:27

**Read the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk 12: 29-37)** together as a family and discuss ways you and your family members can better love everyone that you meet—at your work, school, teams, etc. — especially those hardest to love.

**BLESSED PIER GIORGIO NOVENA**



Blessed Pier Giorgio's Feast Day is celebrated on July 4 to remember his death on July 4, 1925

Participate in the Novena leading up to this feast day or begin at any time to pray for a special intention of your family and friends.

**[Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Novena Prayers.](#)**

*Pray the prayer for the day and close with the Litany to Bl. Pier Giorgio.*