

This Tuesday my son will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. In preparation, this past weekend he attended a retreat given at his school. His first retreat. He loved it. Said it was great. Having been through a number of retreats myself, both on the receiving end and as a leader/helper, I know the life-altering effect they can have on one, especially a retreat well planned and lead. His retreat was. And I want to take a moment to thank the teachers and school alumni who made it happen. In particular, Ms. Cindy — you rock! She did an amazing job. As well, the group of teenagers who volunteered their time to plan and work this retreat — Vicky, Juanqui, Ali, Annette, Ashely, Melissa, Lauren, to name a few. These teenagers' dedication and show of faith is a refreshing reminder that not all the youth of this country is lost. That a large number of them are out there doing their best to set an example for us all, spreading and living the Word — walking the talk, if you will.

Thank you guys for making this a special and memorable retreat for Danny and his classmates. Keep up the good work. The Lord needs you. The world needs you.

There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men.
There is no greater contribution than to help the weak.
There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.
– *Walter Reuther*One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.
– *Albert Schweitzer*

You've touched people and know it. You've touched people
and never may know it. Either way, no matter what your life
feels like to you right now, you have something to give.
It is in giving to one another that each one of our lives
becomes meaningful.
– *Laura Schlessinger*

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