



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

100% of your gift supports 14 ministries like **Youth Ministry!**

In 2017 more than 6,709 children and teens benefitted from Youth Ministry programs that were made possible by your support of the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Youth Ministry offers spiritual education and enrichment programs that are both family-based and parish-centered. Religious Education is offered to all school age children, including sacramental preparation of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation; summer camps (Camp Zacchaeus & Camp Timothy); Senior High Youth Conference (SHYCON); Junior High Youth Day; and Faith Day.

A story of Faith, Hope & Charity.

Fifteen-year-old Rob arrived at Camp Timothy with a chip on his shoulder, nervous about what to expect. He was being raised by devout grandparents and felt sure he had nothing in common with the other campers—at least that's what he thought. By the end of the first day, he quickly learned that other kids also had similar stories and feelings. He wasn't so different after all.

Camp Timothy is a fun-filled adventure that is deeply rooted in the belief of living a Christian life. Through various hands-on activities like zip lining, Rob was challenged to look at his life today and how to trust someone—of how faith can be a guiding light. He only had to reach out.

At week's end, Rob realized he had a great time, met some cool kids, and the chip had melted. He became especially close to one friend who he learned to confide in—Jesus Christ.

He also said that a miracle happened that week. "We didn't miss or want our cell phones!"

Your support today will empower our youth to live as today's disciples, encouraging them to embrace the personal and spiritual mission of their Catholic faith; and to carry it forward into the world.

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

