

As Far as the East is from the West

Hella Friends,

Over halfway through the first semester serving here in Boston, and I cannot believe all God has been doing. In two months, the Catholic Center at Northeastern has hosted eight outreach nights, what we call 'NU Life', has planned and executed two retreats, and has reached hundreds of students. I have had the opportunity to meet with several of the women on this campus with faith journeys ranging from fallen away Catholic to sold out for the Lord and His people, and I have been so blessed by every one of those encounters. I am most in awe of how the Lord has been expanding my heart to better love the women here.

We recently had a retreat for the women, leaving the city behind and heading north to Laconia, NH. It was a much needed getaway for many of the women, and a great time to empower one another to become who the Lord is calling us to be. During retreat, we took time to discuss the feminine genius and the women saints who lived holy lives in their own unique way.

It was so beautiful to see the women be encouraged and to be reminded with them that the Lord does not create carbon copies, but rather has a unique call for each of our lives. In my own small group, we spent time simply appreciating the creativity of the Lord, and discussed with one another how boring and unoriginal sin is when compared to the glory of God's plans for our lives.

I was so grateful to be a part of these discussions and to see these women grow in friendship over the weekend. As the retreat came to a close, it was clear that many of the women felt blessed by the time to just be in community together.

Thank you all for your continued prayers, and for giving me the opportunity to serve these women.

God bless,

Katie Hollcraft



Pictured above: WordArt displaying the answers the women on retreat gave when asked how to best empower other women. The theme of community quickly became apparent.

Prayer Requests

- Peace for students at Northeastern, as they head into the last weeks of the semester
- For the Northeastern Mission Team: Bro Jason, Bro Sam, Bro Logan, Renee, Tim, Michael, and I
- For open hearts on the campuses SPO is on mission to in the 2017-2018 school year
- If any of you would like to 'Adopt a Student' to pray for by name during the Spring Semester please email me at katie.hollcraft@spo.org.



Personal Update: Blessed by Friendship

In every job you must learn to work well with your co-workers. In mission work, the culture of your mission team can deeply affect the students you are inviting into community. So, it has been such a joy for me to be able to not only enjoy a great working relationship with my team, but to be blessed by their authentic friendship. I love the people I work with, and they are constant reminders to me of the Lord's love. Please continue to keep this team and our mission in your prayers!

Student Testimony: Morning Prayer

"At my first SNE in Ohio this past summer, starting with morning prayer was one of my favorite parts of each day. Northeastern is a Brotherhood of Hope campus, and as wonderful as our community is, we do not have households yet, so SNE was my first experience of morning prayer. I felt like I was bonding with my sisters from other campuses in a deeper way, even though I had only met them that week.

Coming back to school in Boston, I asked our missionaries if I could say morning prayer with them. Other women in the community soon learned this was an option and they joined us! It was amazing! Though not all of us live near the missionaries, girls were still interested in coming early in the morning to start the day praising the Lord as a community.

It has been a great bonding experience for us, with our missionaries as well as each other, and we're so blessed they have made this a possibility. Morning prayer is a great reminder of who we are living the day for."

Priscilla Mahar

