



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

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## Reflection on the Mission Trip—Detroit, Michigan 2011

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We left early on a Friday morning last June, five vans full of SSPP High School students from all grades with one mission—to be in service to others. We embarked on a journey where we would go to countless places and see many new faces. I personally did not know what to expect, being a freshman at the time. I thought we would just go to Detroit and build some houses and other things. On the way to Detroit we stopped at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Cedar Point Amusement park. I greatly bonded with all of my peers and when it was over I thought that all of the fun in the trip was done. Was I ever wrong!

I was kind of scared to go to Detroit at first because of its reputation. On the first day in Detroit we had a guest speaker, a poet who was born in Detroit. He gave me a message that is still imprinted in my mind. He said everyone in the world is on a great web, meaning we are all connected.

The days went by on the worksite and I did tasks such as organizing the food pantry, gardening, and throwing a block party for the local kids in the neighborhood. I met many people, most of whom were not as fortunate as I am. I talked to the locals. Many of the people that came to receive food or clothes were war veterans. The thought of them fighting for my life in countless countries and then getting back home with the government saying “Thanks, here’s your check and now you are on your own.” was tough. I left the next Saturday morning, sad that I was leaving behind the new foundations of my faith.

When I left for Detroit I think it is fair to say that God was not actively present in my life. Before the trip, I took everything for granted, usually never thanking God for the good moments in life. Now, that I have seen people who are less fortunate in life, I know that they are just like me. No matter how they may appear, where they live, what car they drive, or what race they are, I know that they are a part of me. We are all God’s children and now that I know this, I will try to make my peers see what I have seen and be grateful for every little aspect of their lives. For me, Detroit was a life changing experience!

*Being Christ for One Another*

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## OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, November 6, 2011**

Mark your calendars today! Saints Peter and Paul High School will host an **Open House on Sunday, November 6, 2011 from 2:00 p.m.** Interested families and students in Grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend this event to find out more about academics, student life, and spiritual formation at **Saints Peter and Paul High School**. For more information please contact the High School at 410-822-2275.