

Strengthening the Catholic Church in Northeast Ohio

## Mother of Sorrows Parish

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## Emily Is On The Leadership Trail



Emily is a mature and caring young woman – and Camp Christopher has much to do with it. At age 12, Emily made her first visit to the camp run by Catholic Charities. She describes it as "a camp like no other," with everything from zip lines, canoeing and ropes challenge courses to spiritual programs and Masses designed to engage kids and teens.

By 17, Emily was at that "in-between" age – too old to be a camper but too young to be a counselor. So she applied for Leadership Camp, a two-week residential program for campers interested in building communication and leadership skills needed to be a camp counselor.

Emily's Leadership Camp helped her form close friendships, learn skills like CPR and lifeguarding, while taking on bigger responsibilities – including a week as co-counselor for a cabin of 16 girls ages 11-13. "It teaches you how to be a leader," says Emily, "and we teach the kids how to be leaders and make the right choices in life."

Counselors rotate through roles at Camp Christopher, from lifeguard to kitchen duty, crafts, archery and even the Discovery camp for adults with special needs. Emily hopes to be hired as a counselor this summer. "It's so different than the typical teenage job. It requires teamwork and helps you grow as a person."

Camp Christopher has built and dedicated a new cabin and pavilion funded in part by **Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope**. The new pavilion is named "Faith" in gratitude for the support.

## Transparency and Accountability

The **Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope** Oversight Committee meets semi-annually to review the financial statements and confirm that the overall campaign dollars are being applied to the appropriate case statement components.

This committee recently met mid-April to once again review and ensure that the highest levels of accountability and transparency remain in effect.

We encourage you to visit the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) website at www.CatholicCommunity. org/RootedInFaith for updated financial information about the campaign, its distributions, and other important campaign news. In addition, browse our website to view the most recent CCF audit, Board of Directors list, and all current news and events.

## **OUR PARISH**

Every payment you make benefits our parish! As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

Rooted in Faith pledge payments can be made online at www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you'd like to make an additional gift, please go to <a href="https://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift">www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift</a>. Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-902-1303.

May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to His Church!