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Praise God for our independence and freedom. Lord, lead us to your idea of freedom (Gal 5:1) and not the false notion of freedom rooted in autonomy. Thanks for all the prayers for the core team retreat! It was a powerful time of renewal for the team who is so committed to excellent youth ministry. The theme was "Remember Your Baptism".

Nick Green from SMM said, "Time with this team was spiritually refreshing in a way that makes me want to be a better man and a better leader in my family".

Nikki Reinkemeyer from IHM said, "Our duty to follow in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly ministries of Jesus is more than just a topic for a religion book. It is a responsibility that I take seriously as a result of my baptism".

Ashley Renner from SMM said, "Core retreat helped open my eyes as to how to lead others to Christ as well as how to grow closer to Christ myself".

Michael and I were honored to appear on the show called "Life on the Rock" on the EWTN network last Thursday. This was a show that aired live internationally. In case you missed it, you can check it out here at this site- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHf2aFMlyGY>. If you enjoy the show, feel free to email the network and let them know. This encourages more fun guests like Michael and I. You can email them at [viewer@ewtn.com](mailto:viewer@ewtn.com)

This summer, SSYM will again enjoy the highlight of our evangelistic efforts all year with the **Steubenville conference** on July 15-19. The cost of the this four day weekend for teens is \$215 and if you can help sponsor a young person, please make checks payable to SSYM and mail to 4924 Bancroft Ave 63109. Teens from all five SSYM parishes are signed up to attend this potentially life changing event and your help is needed to make it happen. Even more important than this financial aid, is the spiritual support you can lend SSYM through prayer. There are 38 people who will attend the weekend with SSYM. It includes good speakers, worship music, the sacraments, and time away to get in tune with God in an environment that is focused on spiritual growth. Please remember us in prayer as we prepare for this weekend.

Peace,  
Greg