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"The cost of the retreat was exceptionally reasonable. The retreat itself exceeded our expectations."

-Helen (DRE)

"It made you think about what God should mean to you. Having college students there made it more applicable because they are closer to your age."

-Retreatant

Campus Ministry's Mission

God's word declares, "Be holy, as I am holy." Saint Francis Campus Ministry responds to this divine call as it seeks to build up our University as a "School of Holiness". St. Francis of Assisi zealously desired to follow in the footsteps of Christ in all things. Motivated by this penitential example, Saint Francis University embraces its Catholic identity by rooting itself in this wonderful tradition.

Through evangelization, catechesis, and loving Catholic service to others we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in liturgy, academics, social events, athletics, and in all areas of campus life. In this way the Spirit of God empowers students to faithfully learn and fervently live the radical nature of the gospel in ordinary life.

As a community of faith and love we strive to inspire conversion as we endeavor to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our university, especially as they are reflected in our goals of Franciscan education. For we believe that the greatest success in life can only be found by following the will of God.



FIREstarters

A Confirmation preparation retreat

**Sponsored by the
Campus Ministry
department**

What is FIREstarters?

FIREstarters is a high school confirmation retreat ministry team consisting of college students, lay ministers, and members of the Third Order Regular (TOR) religious community. Through the use of praise and worship, prayer, dramas, personal witnesses, faith sharing, games, confession, and Mass, we believe every high school



confirmation candidate will walk away with an added appreciation for their faith. Saint Francis University students urge retreatants to make a commitment to Christ, whether it be for the first time or a renewed promise to walk with Him more closely. More personal ministry is done during small group breakout sessions where those making retreat can openly ask questions or share more about their faith. This gives our students more opportunities to answer questions and share the importance of the Catholic faith in their lives.

The Environment

All of our students have completed and are up to date with the Virtus program, "Protecting God's Children," and have their clearances. These retreats have been formatted to meet all the requirements for the Altoona Johnstown Confirmation program. For more information, to check on available dates or to schedule a confirmation class for a retreat, please contact the Saint Francis Campus Ministry Department.

Fees

The fees for the retreats are kept as affordable as possible so as to allow maximum participation by each parish. The cost of a retreat is \$10 per person which covers various University expenses. Lunch is included as part of the retreat, however, those attending a retreat may want snacks during breaks. There are various places on campus to purchase snacks, or many parishes may opt to have kids bring some with them. The choice is yours.

Testimonials

"I am so proud of the faith that I was brought up in, and have really taken ownership of it since being confirmed and becoming an adult. The opportunity to help another teen do the same in preparation for their confirmation is a true blessing." -Ken
FIREstarter

"I wish my confirmation retreat was as ALIVE as these. I am just so excited to be a part of this new evangelization in our Catholic church today."
-Becca
FIREstarter

It is so important today to have role models to look up to, especially how to live our faith. We are honored to be a part of spreading the FIRE of Christ to our young church.
-Greg
FIREstarter



Then there appeared to them divided tongues, AS OF FIRE and one sat upon each of them. (Acts 2:3)