

June 16th, 2016

To whom it may concern,

On May 25th, 2016, Jon Courchene with FacetoFace Ministries led a retreat in Outlook, SK, for our Confirmation Candidates. We really cannot thank him enough for his guidance and leadership. Our students were truly blessed by his ability to connect with them by role plays, songs, analogies, and personal testimony. Teaching about the trinity is a challenging concept and the analogy helped the students understand how the Holy Three work together to guide us through our lives. We also enjoyed the simple yet effective role plays, with the students helping to bring the stories of Jesus to life. Our boys are still talking about becoming "Goliath" by sitting on top of each other's shoulders.

The visual connection of learning about different Saints and their gifts of the Holy Spirit was another effective learning experience. This scavenger hunt activity not only taught the children about these special gifts, it taught us, the parent leaders so much as well. Jon's talent as a singer and musician was a perfect gift to share with our students too. His ability to have our students singing together about the message of God has still stuck with them. They are still singing!

Last weekend was our students' Confirmation and First Communion Mass. It was such a special day for our students and their families. The Bishop came to celebrate with us and was impressed by how prepared they were. The retreat FacetoFace led helped in their preparation of their understanding of what Confirmation and First Communion means in their lives. For this we thank you! This is the first time that our children have participated in a retreat and we would definitely welcome future retreat experiences.

Sincerely,

Arlene Low

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