

ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY



MID-YEAR REPORT 2025-2026

TEACHER FEEDBACK



Thank you for coming and presenting on these difficult, hot topics. I received great feedback from my volunteers on their presentation. The speakers did an amazing job of broaching the subject with kindness, empathy and understanding that made the topics approachable to listen to and not as likely to make someone against those views as likely to shut down right away. I also appreciate having the opportunity to slow down myself and let the team lead.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SHAWNEE, KS



MISSIONARY ENCOUNTER

Our team gave sexual integrity talks to a group of high school and middle school students. I had the privilege of getting to speak to the high school boys about sexual integrity and share some of my testimony. At the end, I said to the boys that if any of them wanted to talk about something one-on-one, they could stay in the room. After the majority of the boys left, there was one student who stayed back and said he wanted to speak to me. I sat down by him and ask what was going on, and he explained that my talk really resonated with him and made him think about his life and identity a lot. I was so proud of this kid because of how vulnerable and brave he was in sharing all of this. He asked me, "Where do I even start with praying?" And to this, I explained that prayer can be as simple as a conversation with God and just telling Him how you are really feeling. I then ended our time by saying, "God has you right where you need to be. It is all going to be okay. Trust me. God has you taken cared of." He then wiped away his tears. This conversation and moment truly made me so glad to be a missionary and it helped me realize just how important these presentations we give are, because they can open the door to important and vital conversations like these ones.

AARON VRBKA
SECOND-YEAR MISSIONARY





STUDENT FEEDBACK



Aaron and Katie were delightful. They took hard questions and handled them well, such as my own about the life of a mother vs. the life of a child. I generally agree with what they said, especially about dehumanization and pornography. They helped me better understand the definition of a human, and the point about the odds of us being alive was great and I think should've used more in modern arguments.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHAWNEE, KS

Most impactful presentation I've ever been to as a high schooler at youth group.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SHAWNEE, KS



OCTOBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026



OVERVIEW

2,278 STUDENT ENCOUNTERS

363 ADULTS

73 PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BREAKDOWN

18 HUMAN DIGNITY TALKS

10 SEXUAL INTEGRITY TALKS

11 SOCIAL MEDIA TALKS

2 THEOLOGY OF DESIRE TALKS

1 THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TALKS

3 LUNCH VISITS

2 TABLING EVENTS

7 YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

2 PRO-LIFE PRAYER EVENT

17 OTHERS



I thought that the presentation was done very well and was able to connect with the middle school audience well. I wish I would've had a talk like this when I was in middle school to understand these topics better.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH,
SHAWNEE, KS**

PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

HIGH SCHOOLS

Hayden High School, Topeka, KS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Holy Trinity School, Paola, KS

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School,
Leawood, KS

Holy Trinity Catholic School, Lenexa, KS

Resurrection Catholic School, Kansas City, KS

St. Matthew School, Topeka, KS

Ascension Catholic School, Overland Park, KS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School,
Shawnee, KS

Most Pure Heart of Mary School, Topeka, KS



PARISHES

St. John the Baptist Church, Kansas City, KS

Holy Family Church, Kansas City, KS

St. Francis de Sales Church, Lansing, KS

St. Michael the Archangel Church,
Leawood, KS

Holy Spirit Church, Overland Park, KS

Christ the King Church, Topeka, KS

Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Overland
Park, KS

St. Joseph Church, Shawnee, KS

Sacred Heart Church, Shawnee, KS

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Benedictine College

Kansas State University

DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT

OTHER

Ignite for Life

Praying outside Planned Parenthood

Diocese Pastoral Center

Kansas City Pregnancy Clinic

Wyandotte County Pregnancy Resource Center

Life and Hope Banquet

Little Sisters of the Lamb

Tuesdays at the Boulevard



AFTER THE TALK

96%

OF 247 STUDENTS WHO FILLED OUT OUR SURVEY SAID AFTER HEARING THE HUMAN DIGNITY PRESENTATION "I BELIEVE IN THE VALUE OF ALL HUMAN LIFE."

76%

OF 247 WHO FILLED OUT OUR SURVEY SAID AFTER HEARING THE HUMAN DIGNITY PRESENTATION "I WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR THE VULNERABLE/THOSE WHO ARE DEHUMANIZED."

96%

OF 287 STUDENTS WHO FILLED OUT OUR SURVEY SAID AFTER HEARING THE SEXUAL INTEGRITY PRESENTATION "I BELIEVE PORN IS HARMFUL."

93%

OF 287 STUDENTS WHO FILLED OUT OUR SURVEY SAID AFTER HEARING THE HUMAN DIGNITY, SEXUAL INTEGRITY, AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION "I WANT TO STOP WATCHING PORN (OR, CONTINUE AVOIDING IT)."



MISSIONARY ENCOUNTER

After Aaron and I gave a Human Dignity talk for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, two 8th grade girls came up to us to thank us for giving the talk, and told us how grateful they were, and how much they appreciated us being there and sharing with them. One of the girls told us, “This talk just really made me realize my worth.” It was such a powerful moment of being reminded why we do this mission.

KATIE MCCARRON
FIRST-YEAR MISSIONARY 2025-2026



STUDENT FEEDBACK



Thank you for coming to Sacred Heart and presenting this to us. You made me realize the worth in myself.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHAWNEE, KS

Thank you so much for coming to our school! The speakers were so engaging and knowledgeable. They explained everything very well and strengthened my understanding of human dignity. Thank you!!!

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHAWNEE, KS

I believe that this had a positive impact on my life and I think you should keep doing this. I would also like to see you guys at our school again



SACRED HEART OF JESUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, SHAWNEE, KS

LOOKING FORWARD: SPRING 2026



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PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED SO FAR
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPRING