

2024-2025

THEME: “Connected”

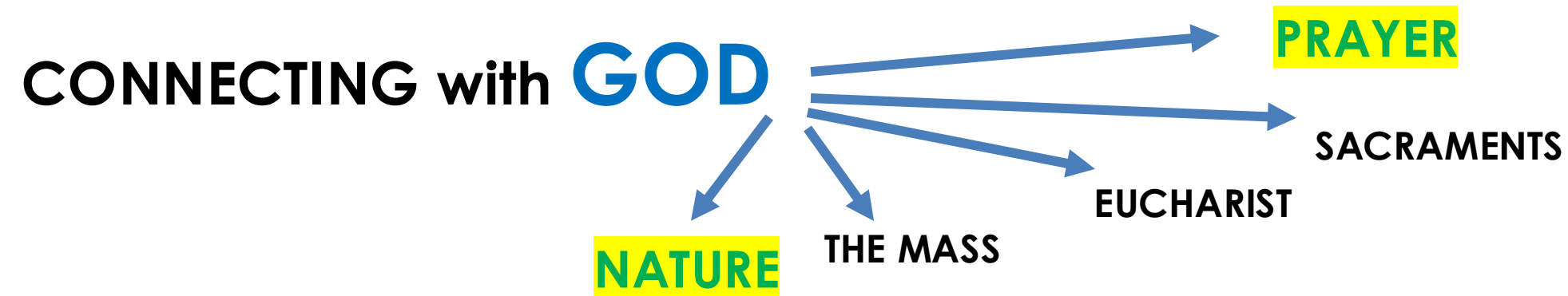
BIBLE VERSE: “We are the body of Christ and each of you is a part of it.”

– Corinthians 12:27

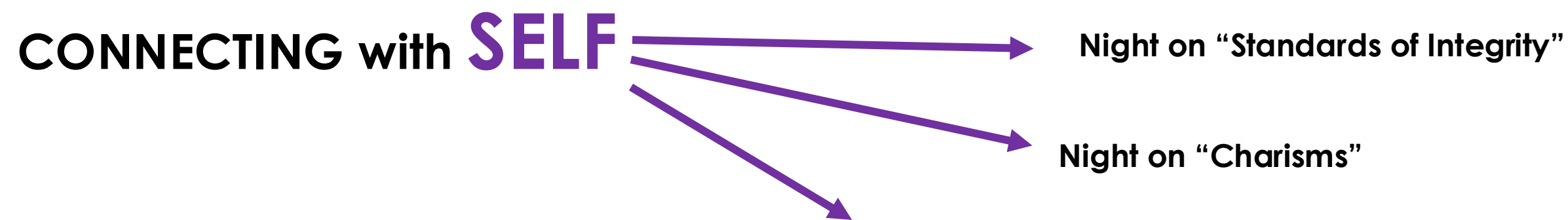
First week of the year, we prayed as a youth group that we would always show respect, support and encouragement to one another because we are all **one body under one God.**

The Bible helps us understand how God wants us to **connect with the world around us.**

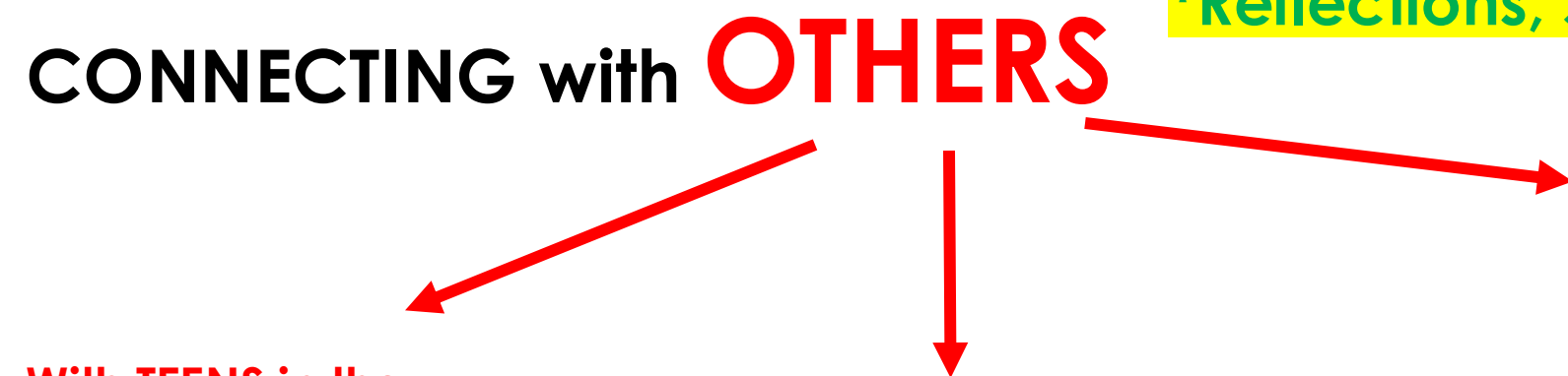
We spent this year CONNECTING with GOD, SELF and OTHERS.



TEEN ECCLESIA



Teen Ecclesia – Friday at the Grotto @ Columban Fathers & Fontenelle Forest Ropes Course
 *Reflections, Journaling, Solitude & Silence, etc.



With TEENS in the Youth Group, with Family & Friends
 -URLVD, and more

With our PARISH Community
 -Stations
 -Adoration Prayer Service
 -Serving Donuts
 - Ceili – yard service

With THOSE IN NEED
Teen Ecclesia: poverty in Omaha
 Homeless (Hope of the Poor)
 Diabetics (Community Garden)
 Mothers in Needs (Guiding Grace)
 Poverty in North Omaha (Abide Omaha)
 Hungry (Heart Ministry Center)
Stephen's Center – homeless/hungry
 Preparing and serving a meal

This summer we saw it all come together through
Teen Ecclesia!

We witnessed God's love and power through the
teens who came together in
PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, LOVE & SACRIFICE

It's difficult to verbalize the impact accurately,
So, I hope these slides will help!

May you see THE BODY OF CHRIST
working through these teens as they CONNECTED
with GOD, with their inner-self, and with others!

TEEN ECCLESIA

JUNE 12 – 20, 2025

“ECCLESIA” – GATHER IN PRAYER THEN GO OUT & SERVE OTHERS

JESUS SAID:

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

"MY EKKLESIA"

**HE WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT A
BUILDING**

**HE WAS TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE:
ABOUT YOU AND ME.**

**AND WHEN 2 OR 3 OF US GATHER
TOGETHER,**

HE COMES TO BE IN OUR MIDST.

ADORATION PRAYER SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE COURTYARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 12





ADORATION PRAYER SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE COURTYARD

RETREAT DAY



Grotto
Columban Fathers Retreat Center
with Debbie Sheehan

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

A lush green forest with palm trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The text is overlaid in a yellow, rounded font.

"Capture the beauty
and glory of God's
creation"



RETREAT DAY



Hike, walk... reflecting, solitude...
aware of God's presence...



PAY ATTENTION
to God
to your inner-self
to others

"St. Ignatius spent a long time learning to be quiet and reflective."

Jesus, help me to be YOUR PRESENCE when I am with OTHERS



RETREAT DAY

Fontenelle Forest – Ropes Course

Getting out of my comfort zone...

Trusting God when I feel afraid...

Encouraging others...

Comforting & helping others...

Being aware of my my inner-self...

Appreciating God's beauty in nature...

Making new friends in Jesus!



Fontenelle Forest – Ropes Course





Fontenelle Forest – Ropes Course













SHARING GRACES & REFLECTING ON OUR DAY

What were you most grateful for today?

What moment was difficult?
When did you step out of your comfort zone?

Who supported/encouraged you today?

Where did you see God today?

ABIDE OMAHA - 5K RUN

Helping the poverty in North Omaha by supporting their fundraiser...
walking, running or helping!



SATURDAY, JUNE 14

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14

BETTER TOGETHER!



HOPE OF THE POOR



Adoration & Prayer
with Danny Leger



MONDAY, JUNE 16

HOPE OF THE POOR

COFFEE GARAGE - OMAHA



"...Love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

MONDAY, JUNE 16



HOPE OF THE POOR

"whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me"

Matthew 25:40



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HOPE OF THE POOR

Positioning ourselves
in relationships with the poor
humbles us and shows us the dignity of God's people
and their valuable contribution to the kingdom.

KNOWING OUR FAITH IS ONE THING;

LIVING OUR FAITH IS ANOTHER!

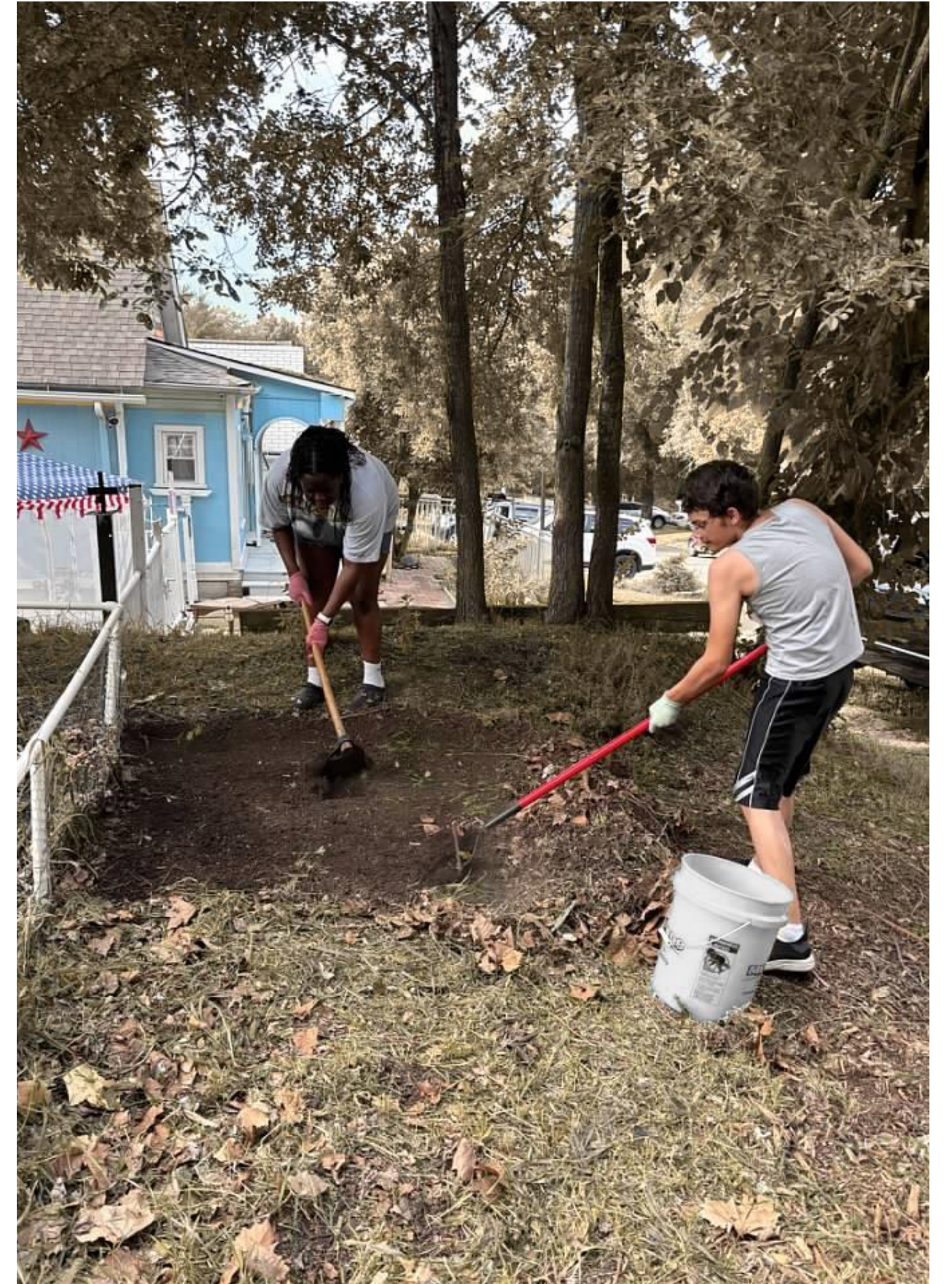
WE CAN ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY (OR DAILY), PARTICIPATE IN BIBLE STUDIES, ATTEND RETREATS, SMALL GROUPS, YOUTH GROUP, ETC...

**BUT UNLESS WE ARE FEEDING THE HOMELESS AND
WORKING WITH THE NEEDY, WE AREN'T SEEING OUR FAITH
IN ACTION.**

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Helping patients with diabetes who struggle with poverty.... weeding and planting in this Omaha garden for those in need.

MONDAY, JUNE 16



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We are very grateful for the help that the teens gave us at the Garden!

So much weeding and clean up to help our vegetables grow better! Also, I'm so excited for the front of the garden to now have flowers--it will definitely bring a more welcoming and beautiful view.

I was so impressed with the positive attitude of the individuals and their genuine desire to help.

Thank you!!!

- Andrea & Hans Dethlefs



GUIDING GRACE

**Providing support for parents at Guiding Grace
by spending a morning with their children.**



TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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**PAINTING
POTS**

GUIDING GRACE

TUESDAY, JUNE 17



**Caring for the
LITTLE ones!**



**Sidewalk
chalk**



Jump rope

GUIDING GRACE



WATER GAMES

FOUR SQUARE

GUIDING GRACE



TEAMWORK & BUDDIES!

GUIDING GRACE

PLANTING FLOWERS



GUIDING GRACE

SHARING GRACES & PRAYER



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SHARING GRACES & PRAYER



“Thank you so much to the incredible Catholic Teen Group and for taking the time during their Teen Ecclesia week to spend a special day with children from Guiding Grace Motherhood Support Network. You brought joy, laughter, and unforgettable memories to the children we serve. Your generosity, energy, and kindness created a beautiful summer fun experience for kids whose families face significant barriers. For many of these children, this was more than just a day of games and activities—it was a moment of feeling seen, loved, and celebrated. Your presence reminded them that they matter deeply and that there are people in the world who care. We are truly grateful for the impact you made and the light you brought into their lives. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in action.”

In Gratitude, Gina Tomes

GUIDING GRACE

HEART MINISTRY CENTER

- . Teens extended themselves to families experiencing poverty in Omaha by assisting them in choosing food items from the pantry then loading the groceries into vehicles.



While we all need to tend to our relationship with Jesus, we are also called to extend ourselves to others.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

HEART MINISTRY CENTER

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HEART MINISTRY CENTER



ABIDE OMAHA

Creating opportunities for youth in North Omaha! Teens helped Abide Omaha today by moving supplies from one building to another in order to create space for a growing number of people who are attending their church services.



THURSDAY, JUNE 19

ABIDE OMAHA

Creating opportunities for youth in North Omaha!



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ABIDE OMAHA



"Thank you so much for volunteering with us at Abide!
Your time, energy, and heart made a real difference in
our community, and we're so grateful
you chose to serve alongside us.

Your impact was felt.

Together, we're working toward a
stronger & safer North Omaha.

We are building a movement of positive change in our city!"

ABIDE OMAHA



ABLAZE HOUSE OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, JULY 20

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ABLAZE HOUSE OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, JULY 20



**MY COMMAND IS
THIS: LOVE EACH
OTHER AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.
JOHN 15:12**



**In the book of Luke,
Jesus said the second greatest
commandment after loving God
was
loving our neighbor.**

ECCLESIA

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coming together
as a community
in order to go out
and serve those in need

THIS IS MY COMMAND:
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU





MATTHEW 7:24

everyone who hears these words
of mine and puts them into
practice is like a wise man who
built his house on the rock.