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Dear Frank,

January 2, 2019

The Holy Spirit is alive and well here in Boston!

THANK YOU! Thank you for all the ways you enabled us to touch the lives of young people through your support. It is through the generosity of so many individuals that we are able to continue the work Pure in Heart is called to, especially going out and sharing our passion and knowledge of chastity and the dignity of the human person with the youth. We look forward to another year of bringing the Sacraments and the healing message of the Theology of the Body, of God's plan for all mankind, to the youth and young adults of Boston and beyond!

But first, a recap of 2018...

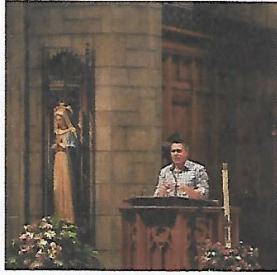
March for Life 2018: To kick off the new year, twenty-two members of our community packed into two 15-passenger vans and headed down to partake in the world's largest pro-life event to advocate for life in the public square.



Students for Life Conference: The day after the March, Pure in Heart headed to the SFLA National Conference in Maryland. We received valuable formation through workshops given by speakers such as Lila Rose (LiveAction), Bobby Angel (Servite High School, TOB Institute), Abby Johnson (And Then There Were None), Fr. Frank Pavone (Priests for Life), and many others – walking away better equipped to uphold the dignity of human life on the ground back home.

Leadership Retreat 2018: Prayer leaders from all three communities came together for a weekend in February to be immersed in the charism of purity and the dignity of the human person at His Land retreat house in Lakeville, MA. We were joined by Franciscans of the Primitive Observance, as well as our spiritual director, Fr. Patrick Fiorillo who provided great insights into the mission and led us in prayer throughout the weekend.





How to Save Your Marriage Before You're Married: In April, over 300 young adults packed into the pews of St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine to hear international speaker Jason Evert share his wisdom on ways to avoid the pitfalls of the world and instead, grow in authentic love before marriage or the vocation to which one is called. Jason provided clear insight into what one should expect in a healthy, happy and holy relationship as well as how to strive for virtue and pursue Christ while living as a single person.

TOB Workshop: In June, over 50 young adults gathered to hear Sr. Helena Burns, Daughter of St. Paul and TOB Blogger, give a day-long Theology of the Body conference on what it means to be made in God's image, and how masculinity and femininity in their fullness reflects the nature of God in profound ways.



Retreats and Mission Talks: Throughout the year, Pure in Heart's mission speaker teams and prayer communities carried the message of the Theology of the Body to over 1,000 high school students and young adults in New England.

As we move into 2019, we see the need to proceed with several projects that will work to further our mission. Some of our goals include:

- 1.) Host Vocations Panel Event with men and women from various religious orders and marriage
- 2.) Host a weekend-long Theology of the Body Retreat for all leaders
- 3.) Formation for all leaders at the Theology of the Body Institute in PA
- 4.) Host big-name Catholic speakers (e.g. Paul Darrow- *Courage Intl.*, Stephanie Calis- *SpokenBride*)
- 5.) Rent housing for a "Pure in Heart" house (Intentional prayer community for local young adults)

We are grateful for your response to our mission's needs in a world searching for the healing love of Jesus and the truth and beauty found in St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. The work of Pure in Heart America will continue with the help of generous supporters joining us in this vital mission. We can't thank you enough! Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

In Christ,

Kimberly Bowler

Executive Director of Pure in Heart America