

SPRED RETREAT A “SMILE-INDUCING” SUCCESS!



A Smile Says it All - This SPRED friend participating in our SPRED retreat feels the warmth of God’s love and shares His love with a smile!

On December 10th and 11th the Archdiocese of Indianapolis SPRED friends and catechists enjoyed a wonderful Advent retreat. A fantastic turnout of 25 friends and 24 volunteers made this weekend an experience that produced many smiles by God’s grace. Our archdiocesan Young Adult & College Campus Ministry office helped find several new volunteers for this event.

Catechists are already looking forward to our next retreat. Comments by friends included, “Getting together with our friends on retreat is more like a family reunion.”

At our retreat SPRED friends worked together making cookies for local homeless shelters. The Minute-to-Win-It games built unity and facilitated team-building as participants assembled Christmas puzzles, did the “Jingle Bell Shake-Out” and enjoyed some Wrapping-Paper Bowling.

In this retreat as often happens the leaders gained as much as or more than our participating friends. This dynamic reality reminds us that our special friends are like angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

Those who attended stated they were lifted up by the entire experience and although going home physically tired they felt spiritually renewed. Stay tuned for information about our next retreat—with more smiles to come!