

## What is the Goal of Pure Witness Ministries and the ALIVE Retreats?

Just imagine a team of dynamic, pure-living, young adults coming into your school with the message for your students: "We're living for Christ! It's made a difference in our lives! You can do it, too!" These are impressive role models of faith for your students who relate to youth in a special way!

We learn best through the example and "witness" of others. Our Pure Witness Team (PWT) is the "pebble" cast in to the pond of these kids' lives ... to create many "ripples" ... encouraging them to become pure witnesses in their homes, schools and communities!

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

~ Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta~

### ALIVE stands for:

#### Always Living In View of Eternity

Each one of us was created for a very important reason! Life takes on a whole new meaning when we realize that we were created by an awesome God to be with Him for all eternity, and that this same amazing God also wants us to be happy and fulfilled right now in our lives.

#### ALIVE Retreats are an invitation for our youth to get to know Jesus in a very personal way.

Students are encouraged to choose to make good, life-affirming decisions, by setting Christ at the heart of their lives. It is an opportunity for them to experience that Jesus is relevant to their lives. He cares about everything they are going through. His perfect plan for their lives involves their happiness right now and for all eternity!

This makes a big difference in their lives when they have the chance to witness others who have committed themselves to living Pure Lives for Jesus, and to see the joy that is so evident in their lives! Young people realize that they too can choose to live Pure Lives for Jesus and discover that same joy!

#### What happens at an ALIVE Retreat?

It is a fun-filled time with games, inspiring talks and testimonies, funny skits and inspiring dramas, small-group discussions (where space permits), uplifting music, and an opportunity for your students to interact with an awesome team of young adults who have dedicated a year of their lives to bring the message of Jesus' love to them!

"I liked the play and learning about the path of purity." Camiryn, Gr 4

"When we sang and danced for God." Bradon, Gr 5

"My favourite part is that we are ALIVE!" Kristian, Gr 2



Our Pure Witness Team (PWT) is a group of young Catholic adults who give a year of missionary service to the Church. Each year we recruit a new team, train them in the work of evangelization.

#### What is the cost of an ALIVE Retreat?

We charge \$1000 a day (includes mileage). We offer:

- a program for K-5, dividing the students into 2 groups, each a half-day long, to a max of 120 students per group.
- a full-day retreat for grades 6-12, to a maximum of 120 students per day.
- Some schools will want to bring in the PWT over two or more days ... and we are happy to discount to \$800 per day in the same school to accommodate your budget so that your students can take in this awesome faith experience!

Please call James to work out specific details for your school: 306-934-3511

"I loved the prayers, songs, actually every-thing!" Bennett, Gr 5

"I liked the little skits about making choices!" Kendall, grade 3

What a terrific group of youth who really love their faith and aren't afraid to show it! The time they spent with us was absolutely a treasure and it was great to see the students respond to them with enthusiasm and excitement.

Celena Komarnicki,  
Youth Ministry Coordinator,  
Holy Spirit Parish  
(for St. Matthew Grade 8 Retreat)

Our school recently had a school wide K-Gr8 retreat led by the Pure Witness Ministry Team of 4 young adults. The team witnessed and taught the students through songs, prayer, skits, stories and personal testimonies. Students and teachers were blessed and encouraged in their faith experience. In the words of one of the grade 1 students, "It was awesome!"

Dorothy Wionzek, St. Marguerite School