

## ***"Putting On Christ"***

Our children are the future church. The more we give them opportunity to build relationships with one another through Christ, the stronger our church will be. Pope Francis tells us "Put on Christ! in your life, and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust; 'put on Christ' and you will see the wings of hope spreading and letting you journey with joy towards the future; **'put on Christ' and your life will be full of his love; it will be a fruitful life.**" The pure joy that children bring help break down barriers that prevent us to love one another. Their smile, their innocence, their laughter just melt away tension and stress.

The St. Leo's Summer youth program was intended to create a space to build those relationships. We shared so much over a short period of time. We prayed together, ate together, walked to the park, went on field trips, listened to guest speakers, worked on crafts and played many different types of games. We were so blessed to have this time together. We are looking forward to the fall with more youth activities. We hope to plan youth meetings on Sunday's with one or two retreats for the students. Pray for our children and our future church!

