

Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii: An Overview

Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii (CLI-HI) is a program that enables young people to become leaders in parish and high school settings. The goals of CLI-HI are to foster the leadership potential of each individual and to heighten his/her awareness of the responsibilities of leadership in a high school or parish community and in the larger Christian Community. This 5-day program focuses primarily on learning and practicing skills for Christian leadership.

Below are the photos and comments from the two youth from Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish who attended CLI this past week. (Zane attended with OLGC Youth & Family Ministry and Xander attended with Maryknoll High School.)

What are the components of CLI-HI?

SKILL WORKSHOPS: Leadership skills and styles, planning skills, communications skills, group dynamics, and consensus-seeking skills.

SUPPORTIVE GROUPS: Opportunities to grow in personal faith and awareness include decision making, prayer, call to ministry and affirmation.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Youth-planned prayer experiences and Eucharistic Liturgies.

SKILLS PRACTICE: Learning by doing is a major part of CLI-HI. The participants take responsibility for planning and leading various components of CLI-HI.

Zane Antonio and Xander Torres

One of the skills I learned the most was communication and F.A.I.R (Facilitator, Agenda, Information, Recorder), which I will be able to utilize not only in planning events for church but for school as well.

I want to serve my parish by helping out with new ministry's and also being able to give my treasure through offertory and stewardship. - Zane Antonio

One skill I have learned most about is missionary discipleship. Missionary discipleship is following Jesus Christ and sharing the good news of the gospel to all peoples. What exactly is the good news? The message of the gospel is God the Father loves you! Missionary discipleship involves spreading this good news to all the ends of the earth.

At Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, I would like to venture out of my comfort zone and join different ministries. Step away from the liturgical side of things and look at catechetical ministries and pastoral groups too. As a rising senior at Maryknoll High School, I would like to help out more with the Campus Ministry/LIFE TEEN. - Xander Gabriel Torres

