



AFMIX Reflection

My experience in AFMIX intensified my pride of Xavier University's commitment to Jesuit values. I have worked at Xavier for 18+ years, am a Xavier alum, and a current graduate student. Therefore, I witness Xavier's purpose to "form students who change the world for the better" on a regular basis. AFMIX strengthened my commitment to the Xavier community. Learning how diverse individuals and groups incorporate Jesuit values in practical ways strengthened my sense of community and enriched my Xavier experience. I am inspired by the numerous ways Jesuit's values are exhibited.

The AFMIX experience builds solidarity and kinship, causes reflection and discernment, which invites me to examine ways to best serve the greater good, demonstrate cura personalis, and engage in service rooted in justice and love. Learning more about the Jesuit Catholic's history, Ignatian and Jesuit spirituality, First Principle, Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), and the group Spiritual Exercises, causes me to reflect deeply on my role at Xavier University and in the world. It encourages me to strive to be a better representative of a Jesuit University. It also allows me to feel more connected to the historical and contemporary Jesuit community. The AFMIX experience reminds me that while the world is constantly changing, Jesuit values which guide our decision-making, processes, and procedures, are unwavering, and make the world a better place.

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