

AFMIX Capstone Reflection

“These are my people, Mom!” What a sweet and yet accurate statement my son exclaimed when he had found the right school for him to pursue his junior high years. This is the same subtle grace that can be found by participating in the AFMIX training held at Xavier University. Through a two year journey, we met as spiritual friends on a mission toward enlightenment, collegiality, and enrichment; yet, through this process, we found something more, faith is larger than religion or the containment of one particular set of customs or rituals. Faith is embodiment of living the mission. The Ignatian tenets formed a baseline for discussion of how we implement the historical practices of our founding fathers: dialogue, debate, and continued prayer with reflection upon spiritual readings pushed us collectively and singularly towards a new way of being—in a sense finding our own “people.” These people were always there in front of us; yet, now we see our purpose, our mission, and how we reflect on the Jesuit principles has changed our AFMIX group for the better. Yes, we are now better employees who can espouse the mission but more importantly we are better people who will continue to live out the Jesuit mission who through our modeling will empower current and future students to become men and women with and for others. I think I have found my people, too.

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