

— FRASSATI HOUSE —

for the New Evangelization



BY YOURSELF
YOU WILL DO
nothing
BUT IF YOU HAVE
God
as the center
OF ALL YOUR ACTION
THEN YOU WILL REACH
the goal

BLESSED
PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

■ OUR MISSION

The mission of Frassati House is *to give living witness that holiness is within reach.*

■ OUR MODEL

Frassati House models itself on *the life and example of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*. Pier Giorgio's story vividly illustrates that sanctity is not reserved for the clergy and religious, but belongs to all the faithful, who are to live it out within their families at home, at school or work, and among their companions. Young lay Catholics—men and women—come together here, in imitation of Pier Giorgio, to give bold and joyful testimony that the call to holiness is indeed universal. They do so by embracing Pier Giorgio's particular spirituality, which was keenly both Eucharistic and Marian—expressed concretely in devotion to daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and the Angelus. They also reflect Pier Giorgio's hearty way of authentic Christian friendship—expressed concretely by giving themselves to a communal life based on charity and Gospel simplicity. In all things, they aspire—like Pier Giorgio—to shun mediocrity and instead find the courage to be great, thereby encouraging others to also climb "*verso l'alto.*"

■ OUR PURPOSE

Frassati House exists *to do the work of the New Evangelization*. Recognizing that our society today can rightly be considered as mission territory, those who come together here do so as missionaries in their own land: young Catholics who deeply love Jesus and his Church, and who desire that others do the same. Their work is, therefore, properly apostolic: a matter of being called to announce the Gospel of Christ in word and in deed. This apostolate specifically includes youth ministry and adult faith formation. The goal is to, in proper order, engage, evangelize, and form others—both their fellow Catholics and those who have not yet accepted the faith. Frassati House missionaries then equip those they serve to actively engage in the apostolate—knowing that all true missionaries endeavor to be thus replaced. But first, Frassati House missionaries are committed to being ever more evangelized themselves—since only a true disciple can go forth to make disciples.

■ OUR PLACE

Frassati House is found *at the heart of St. André Bessette Parish, for which it serves as a leaven*. The common life and apostolic work of Frassati House missionaries are not separate from the parish community they serve. In order to give an effective, appealing, and attainable example, its daily rhythm and apostolic agenda must take into account the circumstances and sensibilities of the Catholics in this particular time and place. Those who come here insert themselves into the day-to-day life of the parish, continually and actively seeking to make connections with parishioners. The missionaries are inspired more by listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit's voice than by their personal preferences or previous experiences. They promote the best of the authentic Catholic tradition, not so much by imposing elements drawn from elsewhere, but by elevating the good things already found within the parish and building upon them.

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