

RE NEWS

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Being a part of the Parramatta Diocese World Youth Day Pilgrimage was a privilege and a joy for me. It seems such a distant memory now but one which will remain with me for a very long time. A true pilgrimage is a journey we partake which changes you from the inside out.



I visited San Pedro Parish School in Lima, this was a Preschool through to High School location in one of the poorest areas of Lima. This school is situated in El Augustino and is administrated by Father Arthur. After we arrived, the school gates were locked and guarded during the day to keep us and the students safe from the violence on the street outside the school. During our visit we taught the students about Australia and also taught them English within the many different areas within the school. I was lucky to teamteach with Father Robert Reidling one day, then the next he and I worked in the kitchen. The students are provided with two hot meals a day to compensate for the poor diets caused by poverty in their homes. The money I presented to Father Arthur on your behalf will be used to help renovate the kitchen facilities at the school. Father Arthur asked me through an interpreter to thank the St Michael's community for your generosity. The students at San Pedro while coming from such poor backgrounds still showed such pure joy and happiness to learn along with a great love of Jesus and never doubted his love for them despite their poor surroundings and their family circumstances. I thank St Michael's for allowing me this faith filled opportunity.

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