

Dear Mr. Caras and Leadership 100,

Every year, come summer time, there is an event that I look forward to all during the school year. This event has been a highlight of summer every year; this event is the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp. Due to financial difficulties, my family has not always had the funds necessary for camp, but somehow, every year through the grace of God we have been able to attend.

We have been informed that Leadership 100 has given a grant to help provide for those who cannot afford camp and my family and I would like to sincerely thank you for making camp possible for us this year. Camp really means a lot to my siblings and me since we are able to see our friends from all over the Metropolis, worship and grow together in Christ. Camp is so much fun and very refreshing. In my opinion, it is something all Orthodox youth needs every summer. Again, thank you for all that you have done not only for us but for everyone else who will be positively affected.

Thank you and may God bless you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Demetrios Constantine and family

*(Demetrios is a high school senior who is very active in the youth ministry of St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Church in Youngstown, OH. He has been accepted to Hellenic College, Fall 2011.)*

Dear Leadership 100,

Keeping the Faith in the forefront of your mind is a hard thing to do. It's even harder when most people in our everyday lives constantly pull us away from God, and blind us from the realization that all good things in life are from God. When your Faith is the most important thing in your life, not being able to spiritually relate to someone can really feel like a losing battle.

That's why the scholarship money I receive to go to camp is so important to me. Because the bonds I've made with my friends through Christ is unbreakable. Nothing compares to this weeklong experience. But what makes it this way? Because for one whole week, we pray, we discuss, we make friends, all through Christ. Our growing through Christ at the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Summer Camp is the reason why when the week is over, no one wants to leave.

Thank you for giving this opportunity to so many youth.

In Christ,

Nathan Myers

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