

Latest Happenings in the Diocese of Mandeville:

‘Love One Another’ John 13:34

Diocese of Mandeville Annual Youth Bible Camp

It's that time of year again, when the youth of the Diocese gather for their annual Bible Camp. Under the direction of Youth Coordinator, Alicia Christie, assisted in May Pen by Beryl Morgan, Claudette Ryan and Carlene Cato, the Camp ran for one week from August 11-15.

"The teachers worked really hard," said Christie, "and everybody participated. It was a good group." She was also happy that the number of participants had increased in Clarendon "from thirty-seven last year to sixty this year. And there were forty-eight in Manchester."



This year, there were just two locations for the camp, at Sacred Heart Academy in Christiana and at St. Thomas More in May Pen. Classes began on Monday under the theme 'Love One Another'.

The children were divided into three age groups—6-9yrs, 10-14yrs and 15-20 yrs. At Sacred Heart, the 6-9yr group was led by Miss Angelita Daley and Sr. Lucy Kamene ASN., the 10-14yr group, by PVI volunteers Krystyna Starsiak, Katelyn Denney and Michael Lamb, and the 15-20yr group by Melissa Matthie and Dwayne Gayle.

The leaders in May Pen were Latania Edwards and Jean Fishley for the youngest group, PVI volunteers Dan McMahon and Casey Gerety for the 10-14s and



Michelle Leiba took charge of the 15-20yr olds.

The main focus of the week was a grand performance and exhibition on Friday. The children spent all week preparing and planning their performances that included poetry and drama, song and dance. They also worked on projects for exhibition, using paints, styrofoam balls, plastic cups and plates, cartridge paper and other craft items.



When not planning for their final project, the children were able to participate in various sports and fun activities. Sr. Lucy, Coordinator of the Missionary Childhood Association (Children Helping Children) spent time in both parishes, talking to the children about how to put the theme into action by helping others in practical and real ways.

On Tuesday, Bishop Neil Tiedemann dropped by the Bible Camps in both parishes to lend his support to the youth's activities.

Each year, this summer camp enables the children to meet with other youth in the Diocese. This year, the hope is that the week's activities has led them to reflect more deeply on the meaning of 'Loving One Another' "It was a faith-building exercise" said Christie. "It was a great success."



Some of the students at Sacred Heart proudly display their projects