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Queen of Peace Participates in AIDS Walk

More than 70 members of the Queen of Peace High School community participated in the AIDS Walk sponsored by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago on Oct. 3.

For the first time, Peace partnered with Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry (ABAM), an organization committed to providing a comprehensive system of high-quality programs and services that assist HIV/AIDS adults in the Chicago and Lake County area. Peace's students wore Team ABAM T-Shirts and raised almost \$1,700 for Alexian Brothers, which operates two licensed recovery homes - Bonaventure House in Lakeview and The Harbor in Waukegan - with transitional living programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, who were homeless or at-risk for homelessness.

Human Rights Task Force moderator and Social Studies teacher Joyce Cruse began the partnership with Alexian Brothers over the summer.

Prior to the AIDS Walk, Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry representatives spoke to all Peace Social Studies and Christian Living classes Sept. 22.

Peace students listened to Director of Development Marjorie Orr and Outreach Coordinator Devon Parish, as well as Jerome, a recovering drug addict, who has been HIV positive for 10 years and has been living at Bonaventure House for 10 months.

"For our students, these presentations are eye-opening," Cruse said. "They put a human face on the AIDS crisis for those who have only read statistics about HIV/AIDS."

Students also learned about the similarities between Peace and Alexian Brothers. Both are committed to the values of Compassion and Partnership. Orr applauded Peace's students who

participated in the AIDS Walk for serving the community while building community. Peace is devoting the 2009-10 school year to the Dominican value of Community.

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