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Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: 8 / 5th year teaching at St. Pius X

Department: Theology and Campus Ministry

Coaching or club sponsorship Roles: None at the moment — former Theatre director, current Theatre Camp coordinator.

Degree(s)/Degree-granting Institution: Theology with a Specialization in Religious Education from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio

Major/Academic Area: Theology with a Specialization in Religious Education

What's the best piece of advice you've been given? Be present in your present life. (Looking back won't change anything, worrying about the future won't help, and being anyone else won't help you reach joy.)

Tell us about your proudest moment at Pius X. I was able to be a part of many plays and musicals here, and each has made me very proud of my students and how much we can accomplish. The one that stands out for me as a personal accomplishment is a screenplay I wrote for A Christmas Carol (adapted from the book) and helped to direct as well here at St. Pius X years ago. One of my former teachers encouraged me to write screenplays and this was the first time I saw it unfold before me.

The service projects and days also make me very proud of the students and how dedicated and caring they are. This year we have been able to do several. The most recent being to Helping Hands and Horses. It was a very fulfilling day.

What quality/characteristic marks a Pius X student? Dedication to grow and help others.

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field? I was tired of people telling me what I believed and they were wrong. I wanted to dispel the misunderstandings revolving around the Catholic faith. So many people think we worship Mary and can't believe in Evolution or the Big Bang. According to our faith, this is not the case. I find more and more that I, and others need clarifying. So, why not help give the truth before those misconceptions can even start?

What do you think is the greatest challenge facing students today? Being stuck in a world that media/peers tell them who to be. I wish each student would be able to take a step back from the stress and anxiety of 'others' on social media and news feeds and look at the mirror and accept and love who they are. That way, they can see past those others that are always picking and look into this world that needs them. There is so much potential, and so much is lost when we try to be someone we are not. I love variety, I love meeting each new and unique kid, I hope these students figure out how to see themselves and their qualities and are able to share those things with others.