

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Faculty **FOCUS**

*Tori Aubuchon '10 &
Molly Keever*
Theology: Campus Ministry



Tori Aubuchon: Theology/Campus Ministry

Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: BA in Secondary Physical Education from Benedictine College

Academic area: Theology

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: 2 years

Coaching or Club sponsorship roles: Assistant Varsity Basketball and Softball coach, Campus Ministry, Head of Deutschmann House

Pius Alum: 2010

What interests do you pursue outside of the classroom?

I enjoy traveling (especially to Arizona), working out, spending time outdoors with my family and my dogs, and on rainy days I like to relax and watch movies.

To what teams and/or clubs did you belong as a student?

I played basketball and softball all four years, ran and jumped for the Track and Field team for three years, was in NHS, STU-CO, St. Vincent de Paul, Spanish Club, and Concert Choir, and was Student of the Month

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field?

Growing up, I always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher because I absolutely admired my kindergarten teacher. When I was in high school and began looking at colleges, I decided I didn't want to be a teacher because it seemed too cliché and I wanted to be different. However, I couldn't think of anything else I wanted to do for a career. I knew I wanted to return to my Alma Mater and coach, so I decided teaching was the best route to take if I wanted to coach. As far as teaching Theology, I had a teaching experience my first year that led me to realize that my love and passion for sharing the Catholic faith with others could be brought to the classroom in a more profound way. I also knew I wanted my faith to be constantly challenged so I could grow to becoming the best-version-of-myself.

Molly Keveen: Theology/Campus Ministry

Academic area: Theology

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: 2 years

Coaching or Club sponsorship roles: Campus Ministry, Volleyball, basketball

Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: Theology degree from SLU, Masters in teaching from SLU

What is your philosophy of education?

I believe that education should focus more on the whole person rather than the content or teacher. Moreover, I believe that my lesson plans matter less than the way I value my students and their individuality. This belief comes from the fact that students remember a teacher more than a textbook. Given this reality, I take my formation as a teacher very seriously. Additionally, I advocate critical thinking, open-mindedness, and reflection over accumulation of content. I believe that learning is active, not passive and is formed through the continuous questioning that learners ask themselves while experiencing the world. Therefore, the content I teach is derived from my students' interests and questions. Overall, I crave for my students to be more aware of God's presence in their lives which will lead to a more joy-filled life. This awareness comes from mindfulness, reflection and meditation.

How do you motivate your students to become active learners in your classroom?

What I teach is truly derived from what my students are questioning, passionate about or interested in.

What is your favorite thing about working at Pius X?

The people. Every day I enter the side doors of St. Pius X and every day I am greeted with a smile. There is an aura of comfort and belonging here and that is what I love. It is the people here that make St. Pius X feel like home. The teachers are caring and the students are curious. What more could I want?