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Monday – I hate dry wall...enough is enough, I quit!! Actually there wasn't enough work to keep three busy. Early, early this morning the junior class left on a class trip. Their first stop to be the site of the plane crash in Pennsylvania. This was the plane the crew and passengers overtook the hijackers on 9/11. Fr. Tom said it is something to see. From there they were to venture to Hershey, PA to tour the chocolate factory. I am sure many of them will gorge themselves sampling the varieties of chocolate. While in PA, they are going to visit Amish country and hopefully get a taste of life they are not accustomed to. Next, Arlington Cemetery and visiting the monuments on the mall in Washington DC. The Smithsonian museums were also on the schedule. They will be gone the week. Sure beats my class trip which never happened because previous classes raised too much holy heck and put an end to any trips. I hope and pray they have a safe and exciting time. Too bad they already had their chaperons. Each high-school class will take a trip, but not necessarily to the same place(s). Before I forget another time...Thanks for the cards and notes I have been receiving...greatly appreciated.

Tuesday – I am taking the day off, at least from dry wall, worked at the school. I woke up with a stuffed up head. Might be from the dust or allergies due to the weather. Started reading a book from Scott Hahn on the creed. Finding it interesting so far. Gave me time to reflect on my time here so far. Wondering if I am accomplishing what I set out to do / experience. Time remaining will tell.

Wednesday – Took the day off. Feeling achy and head stuffed up. About nine I went to get some drugs (meds). Went back to bed and woke up 1:30. Napped most of the day. I guess I needed it.

Thursday – Woke up to thunder and rain. Feeling better, but stuffy sinus. It will not be too productive today, classes out at 1 pm. Sending students home early due to some teachers on junior trip.

Friday – It was another half day. Juniors will be returning this afternoon from their trip. When the students got back Fr. Tom, I, and the drivers and teachers that were on the trip went out to eat and talk about how the experience was for the students. The stop at the 911 plane crash site in Pennsylvania was very moving for many. The ride to Hershey was quiet and somber. The tour at the Hershey factory was pleasing to all. Why wouldn't it be, sampling of the chocolates was a big hit for the group. They were asked to savor the moment, listen for the snap when breaking the chocolate and identifying the different tastes on their palates. The tour guide was very surprised when asking questions of the students. To the credit of the students the guide responded, "Well that takes 20 minutes off the tour." They knew their stuff. The trip to DC was a whirl wind of sightseeing. The hotel and restaurant workers and managers complimented the group on their good behavior. They even commented how much they dreaded to see the buses of young people pulled up to the door. All in all it was an excellent experience for all.

Saturday – Errands and laundry. Mass at 5 pm.

Sunday – It was a beautiful day. Decided to take a drive to a State Park about 30 miles up the road. And while I was there I would experience the zip-line, unfortunately it was closed. It would have been great to fly through the parks color. So I decided to try a horse back ride on the trail. Again, unfortunately the horses were already out on the trails with two groups of people. Back to the house to take a nap. That is all for now, God Bless.