

Box Village raises money for Emmaus Soup Kitchen

Cathedral Prep held their annual event Box Village on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Many of students signed up to help raise awareness for the homeless. The students had to camp out in only a box to see what it would feel like to be homeless for a night. The event took place from 3 p.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Students stood out on the street corners to take donations from people driving by.

Everyone had to sign up for a shift taking donations. Another thing the students had to sign up for was adoration. They had to spend 30 minutes in adoration praying. From 11 p.m. until 12 a.m. everyone was to have an hour where they didn't talk. They spent that time praying and reflecting on their experience. The students then gathered to have a midnight mass.

"It really put it into perspective what homeless people have to go through," said junior Robert Wierbinski. "I have done this every year since I've been at Prep and it makes me feel good to know I could help out."

Junior Albert Caldwell stated, "Box Village really helped me come closer with my brothers, too."

It was a very good bonding experience for all the students participating. In the free time some students played football for fun. Other students had snowball fights and sat around the fire. All the participants helped clean up the boxes in the morning and threw them away. The students ended up raising over \$5,000. All the money went towards the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.