

## High School Youth Group Attends *In Your Face Rally* in Alexandria, LA

In Your Face 2008 changed my life drastically. Before I went to In Your Face I was like most people; I went to church every Sunday but never really paid attention to what was going on, and the mass never really meant anything to me. I didn't pray much and I was trying to be a regular teenager going with the trends and trying to fit in. When I first heard about In Your Face I immediately knew I wanted to go. I had heard from a bunch of people that they had so much fun at youth rallies, but I had never been to one. I decided to go. From the time we left St. Aloysius until the time we got back I had so much fun. While we were there we sang and danced, we had a mass, and we had the opportunity to just sit down and talk about God, (something I had never really done before.) Usually I don't say much when there are group discussions because I'm scared of what people might think, but here I found out that it doesn't matter what you say because people are going to accept you just the way you are no matter what you have to say. There is a special kind of feeling I get when I am around these kinds of people. They are the kind of people that will always be there for you and you know you can be yourself around. After our group discussions, singing, and praying we had Adoration, which really had a big impact on me. I had never even heard of Adoration before. When I asked everyone about it they told me what to do, and that they would explain it to me after. I had no idea what they were talking about. After it was all said and done, Adoration changed my life. I was amazed by the fact that people right next to me were experiencing God in such a powerful way. I didn't even know that I could feel so close to God. Ever since In Your Face I have changed my life tremendously and I have found God. I never knew what it felt like to be so happy and content with life in itself and everything in it. It is an awesome feeling that I feel everyone needs to experience. –written by Lauren Landry with the assistance of Jon Bajon and Michael Cashio, Juniors