

MBCE UPDATE



- ◆ The counselors of the Mid-Hudson Valley Camp returned home to Esopus the first weekend of 2015 for reflection and renewal of spirit. Coordinated by Henry Ventura, Bridget Henn, Matt Lavanco and Mike McGovern, a team of 20 veteran staff members led 42 young people home on college winter break through a powerful retreat experience. The weekend was filled with inspirational talks on community, living in the moment, and faith, as well as small discussion groups, a variety of prayer experiences and, of course, some recreational activities! To view a video about the retreat go to: <http://youtu.be/3TDGr9-by7s>
- ◆ The Phi Sigma Kappa “Men of Honor” Fraternity returned Jan. 8th -11th for their annual Leadership Training weekend. More than 140 college students filled the Retreat House! Volunteers helped in both the kitchen and scullery. Many thanks to Br. John McDonnell and Mr. Tim Contu for lending assistance to our chef, Henry. Special kudos to college students from Archbishop Molloy, Marist Chicago and Central Catholic who used part of their winter break to serve others in our ministry of hospitality.
- ◆ Br. Steve Milan and the Marist Young Adult Advisory Committee joined us for their semi-annual business meeting and more than 30 MYA’s took part in their New Year Day of Reflection. Liasons from all geographic areas joined in this event.



- ◆ Earlier this month we were notified by the Porticus NA Foundation that we are one of 10 organizations who have been invited to participate in the Fundraising Seminar to be held in Malibu, CA in early May. Porticus North America seeks to promote respect for human dignity and social justice in the US and Canada to vulnerable families, the marginalized and disadvantaged. The seminar, presented by the Suddes Group, will provide information and techniques that can be utilized in fundraising efforts.

- ◆ **And the winner is...**

Our next update will announce the winner of our Montagne Year Art Contest!



To date we
have hosted
1,939 paying
customers!

