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BELLEVUE— Gross Catholic Students Worked with Habitat for Humanity in Biloxi, Mississippi during Spring Break.

As part of our Marianist mission to educate for service, justice and peace, Gross Catholic students spent their spring break volunteering in Biloxi, Mississippi. Seventeen students, along with four staff members, traveled to the Gulf coast March 28 – April 3 for a week-long service immersion experience, allowing students to join with young people from across the country to work in an environment that goes beyond their local community. They worked with Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast building homes in an area where 90% of the buildings along the coast in Biloxi and neighboring Gulfport were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Gross Catholic was part of the Collegiate Challenge where college and high school participants from across the country volunteered in Habitat locations from February through April. This spring break, 12,000 students traveled to 210 locations between Feb. 14 and April 10. Students participated in the building process at the stage that the affiliate is in when they arrive. In the past 21 years of the program, more than 168,000 Collegiate Challenge participants have volunteered with Habitat during their school breaks.

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