

## Happening

Happening is a weekend retreat of fellowship and friendship for high school students and the diocese of Florida. It is a weekend to just get away from the real world. The weekend is filled with twists and turns. I can't really tell too much about the weekend because there are a lot of kids in our youth group who will be attending happening in the next few months and the next few years as well.

Before the weekend I didn't really want to go, but I thought, it's only a weekend and I can get through it, but I was so wrong. It turned out to be one the best experiences of my life. Happening consists of small groups who you will spend the majority of the weekend with. I was in the group Pneumitas and it was the best group that I could've ever been in. You have so many people there to support and take care of you. There are Gophers who wait on you hand and foot to get you anything from candy to salad. Then you have the group leaders who are your advisers and lead you in most activities throughout the weekend. Of course there are your fellow happeners, who could be your best friend from St. Peter's or a complete stranger at another church.

At happening you sing songs A LOT. At one of the more secret activities during 114 which was the happening I attended, we sang "sanctuary" a hundred times, give or take a few. The weekend starts out slow, but by the end, you realize how much God and everyone else loves you. I can say without hesitation, that happening has changed my life.

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