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Every year on June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Although these two most influential apostles had different personalities, we usually celebrate and worship them together. Peter was the first of the apostles, and Paul the teacher of the nations. St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians writes: "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil 2:8). We, on the other hand, tend to appreciate much more worldly things than spiritual gifts. It is because we take our faith for granted and underestimate the real value of the faith. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for us that we will be able to find some time this week in front of the tabernacle to sincerely thank God for these apostles and our gift of faith.

