

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #1

Scripture Reflection

Scripture makes it very clear that God wants to give us good things. He wants to actually give each of us the Holy Spirit to deepen our sense of vocation.

STEP ONE

As a staff, take a few moments to sit in total silence. Silence is a rare commodity and central to how God speaks with us.

STEP TWO

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture aloud:

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 11

“An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all – he is the greatest.”

STEP THREE

Now, take a few moments in silence and then read it one more time.

Questions for Discussion

STEP ONE

In your school community, whom do you see as the ‘least among you’?

STEP TWO

In what ways do you focus upon the needs of this group? What could be done better or differently in this area?



“The Church begins with Mary.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI

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STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote from the Church documents:

“Young people have to be taught to share their personal lives with God. They are to overcome their individualism and discover, in the light of faith, their specific vocation to live responsibly in a community with others.” (The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium)

STEP TWO

How does your school help students, ‘overcome their individualism’? What structures or opportunities exist to build a deep sense of community? Could more be done?

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank you for the privilege of working with young people.

There are many tough days but deep down we know, ‘that we do not write on inanimate objects but on the very spirits of human beings.’

Help us to build a true community here in our school. Help us to start with each other and the community amongst ourselves as staff. Help us to have patience and understanding for each other even before we have it for our students.

Give each of us a heart for the weakest and least in this community and let our students learn the same lesson from watching us

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



“The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith.”

CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH