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Scripture Reflection

In this scripture we learn how our task is to grow into full knowledge of the Son of God. This requires that we seek to deepen in our theological knowledge.

**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 Ephesians Chapter 4 v.11 – 13

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**STEP THREE**
Now, take a few moments in silence and the read it one more time.

Questions for Discussion

**STEP ONE**
Share an example of a spiritual writer or faith experience that has been special or memorable for you.

**STEP TWO**
What is your sense of the quality of your school’s religious education curriculum? Do you think students are given the chance to engage deeply with the Catholic faith on a rigorous level?

“Lord, if your people still have need of my services, I will not avoid the toil. Your will be done. I have fought the good fight long enough. Yet if you bid me continue to hold the battle line in defense of your camp, I will never beg to be excused from failing strength. I will do the work you entrust to me. While you command, I will fight beneath your banner.”

St Martin of Tours
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STEP ONE
Take a moment to read the following quote from a lecture delivered by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to Catholic educators:

“Teachers and administrators, whether in universities or schools, have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice. This requires that public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the Church’s magisterium, shapes all aspects of an institution’s life, both inside and outside the classroom.

“Divergence from this vision weakens Catholic identity, and far from advancing freedom, inevitably leads to confusion, whether moral, intellectual or spiritual.”

STEP TWO DISCUSSION
How might ‘divergence from this vision’ create confusion for students?

“Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear.”
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA

Closing Prayer

Lord, we pray this week for the grace to discover a new paradigm about what our students may be capable of.

Give each of us here the grace to begin a personal quest to deepen in our own faith through reading, prayer and sacrament. Give us the courage to seek the answers to the deep questions we have about our shared Catholic faith.

In seeking let us find, in asking let us receive, in knocking may we find the door open.

Give us the grace to become sources of challenge, encouragement and wisdom in the life of faith for each student. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.