

# STAFF DISCUSSION JOURNAL

## *Going Deeper*

### PART 1

#### Scripture Reflection

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.

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture from The 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 4 - 11

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

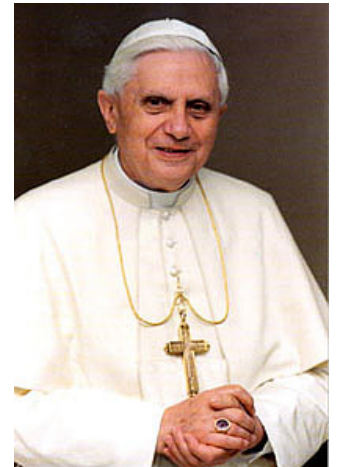
Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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

#### Questions For Group Discussion:

Share your thoughts on this question with the members of a small group:

1. How does the scripture above relate to how we can all use our personal gifts to take a greater sense of responsibility for the whole school?
2. To what degree is responsibility for the schools objectives currently shared by all staff? Is there a sense that the principal needs to deal with the 'catholic stuff' and we just teach? What do you feel is the current situation?



"The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Benedict XVI

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Take a moment to read aloud the following quote:

“...laity should participate authentically in the responsibility for the school; and (are called to be) sincerely committed to the educational objectives which characterize a Catholic school.

Lay Catholics in Schools n.77

What systems, structures or challenges make it hard for people to take a greater responsibility for the objectives of your school? What could be changed, explored or attempted so that all staff felt a greater responsibility for the outcomes of a truly authentic and missionary Catholic school?

## STAFF PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We pray this week that we might all reflect deeply on the call to all take a deep responsibility for the outcomes of our school.

We pray that we will all feel a new conviction to step up and play our part in helping every student encounter Jesus, find their gifts, develop their gifts and serve the world with those same gifts.

We pray also for our leadership. Grace them with the courage and focus to lead our school to become an authentic missionary community.

In your name we pray.



“How good it is to trust God!

Turn to Him often, as children look to their father and mother in their needs.”

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St. Louise de Marrillac