

# 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.

Slowly read aloud this passage from 1 Peter Chapter 2

"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

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

## Questions For Group Discussion:

This scripture highlights the truth that spiritual growth often mirrors the path of physical growth. We start from humble beginnings and need much support and sustenance along the way. What is your perspective on the current state of your students' ethical and moral filters? What are some of the main factors you see shaping this?

What practical things can you do in your classes, personal interactions and wider school community to help your students become more independent, objective and free in the midst of a culture that is trying to powerfully shape them?



"We should go to prayer with deep humility and an awareness of our nothingness. We must invoke the help of the Holy Spirit and that of our good angel, and then remain still in God's presence, full of faith that He is more in us than we are in ourselves."

St. Jane Frances De Chantal

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### PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from *The Religious Dimension of Education*

"These young people absorb a wide and varied assortment of knowledge from all kinds of sources, including the school. But they are not yet capable of ordering or prioritizing what they have learned. Often enough, they do not yet have the critical ability needed to distinguish the true and good from their opposites;"

How can your school practically help your students begin to gain confidence in distinguishing the true and the good from their opposites. Why does this matter in the bigger scheme of things?



"Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears — of everything that concerns you."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

## STAFF PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the privilege of being a part of our student's lives at a pivotal moment in their development.

Help us to read the signs of the times and to be heroic in lifting our voices against ideologies and attitudes that can be dehumanising and fracturing of the truth about the dignity and value of the human person.

Help us to show our students what is true and what is good that they may also recognise their opposites and build a culture of life as they grow and develop.

Amen