

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 Philippians 4

"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."



"God does not ask for 'religious' art or 'Catholic' art. The art he wants for himself is Art, with all its teeth."

Jacques Martin

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

How does this passage relate to the subjects that we teach in this school? How do these subjects communicate what is good, true and beautiful to our students?

Where in our teaching can we place more emphasis on what is good, true and beautiful? How can we prioritise thinking about these things?

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Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from The Religious Dimension of Education In a Catholic School n.60.

"The simplest way to uncover the religious dimension of the artistic and literary world is to start with its concrete expressions: in every human culture, art and literature have been closely linked to religious beliefs. The artistic and literary patrimony of Christianity is vast and gives visible testimony to a faith that has been handed down through centuries."

Where, in our literature, art and culture, can we find witness of the faith? What do these expressions communicate about the Christian faith?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for everything you have blessed us with.
Thank you for the richness of our faith and for the goodness

Give us the grace to give our students a meaningful education. Help us to share with them whatever is good, true and beautiful.

Help our students to experience everything that is truly beautiful in this life. Enable them to live their lives to the full.

In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



"Beauty will save the world."

Fyodor Dostoevsky