

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 Matthew 28.

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



"We must carry Jesus in our hearts to wherever He wants to go, and there are many places to which He may never go unless we take Him to them."

Caryl Houselander

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

What is the central mission that Jesus gives to his disciples after his Resurrection? Why do you think it is important to Jesus that he commissions his disciples for this mission?

What, then, is the central mission of each Christian? How can we, living in the 21st Century, live out this commission? How can Jesus' command to 'make disciples of all nations' apply to us?

PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from The Religious Dimension of Education In a Catholic School n.66.

"It is not true that such education is always given implicitly or indirectly. The special character of the Catholic school and the underlying reason for its existence, the reason why Catholic parents should prefer it, is precisely the quality of the religious instruction integrated into the overall education of the students"

What is the central mission of a Catholic school? How can we explicitly witness to Jesus in our teaching and in our relationships with young people?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the mission and work that you have entrusted us with. Thank you, especially, for giving us the opportunity to form young people.

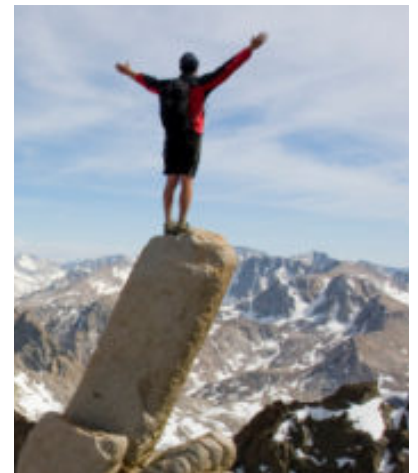
Help us to be witnesses for you. Help us to show the world who you are through what we say and what we do. Always remind of us of our primary identity and our mission to make you known.

Be close to all of the students in our school. Draw them closer to you. Help them to bring the faith into every aspect of their lives.

Help us to make this school a place where students can personally encounter you. Give us the grace to keep you at the centre of all that we do here.

In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



"We've had enough if exhortations to be silent! Cry out with a hundred thousand tongues. I see that the world is rotten because of silence."

St. Catherine of Siena