

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 2 Corinthians 12

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Questions For Group Discussion:

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

How does this passage explain grace? What does God's grace do for us?

What does this grace have to do with our vocations as teachers? How does grace impact both us as teachers and our students?



The Church needs men and women who are intent on teaching by word and example – intent on helping to permeate the whole educational milieu with the spirit of Christ.

Pope St. John Paul II

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote from The Religious Dimension of Education In a Catholic School n.99

"A Christian formation process might therefore be described as an organic set of elements with a single purpose: the gradual development of every capability of every student, enabling each one to attain an integral formation within a context that includes the Christian religious dimension and recognizes the help of grace."

How does grace play a part in the integral human formation of every person? How can we as teachers play a part in this?

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for your most wonderful grace. Thank you for the free and undeserved help that you offer us each and every day.

Help us to rely on your grace in our vocations. Give us your help to teach and form young people and to help them grow and develop their gifts and abilities.

Help us to create a school environment in which you are truly present. Give us your grace to overcome challenges and to grow closer to you.

We pray that you would be present in the formation of our students. Help them to recognise and respond to your grace and to grow closer to you.

In your name, Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



"Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory in us."

St. Thomas Aquinas