

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 Hebrews 13

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Now, take a few moments in silence and read it one more time and then discuss the following questions in a small group

Questions For Group Discussion:

What is your sense of the way that 'pluralism' and a breakdown in community impacts your students and even your school community?

In what ways could today's bible quote offer hope for your school community as it navigates the modern experience of pluralism, lack of belonging and disconnection?



I know well that the greater and more beautiful the work is, the more terrible will be the storms that rage against it.

-St. Faustina

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the issues listed from the document *The Catholic School On The Threshold of The Third Millennium* n.1

- *The extreme pluralism pervading contemporary society leads to behaviour patterns which are at times so opposed to one another as to undermine any idea of community identity. Rapid structural changes, profound technical innovations and the globalization of the economy affect human life more and more throughout the world.*

What do you feel is the impact of 'technological innovations' upon you as an individual and upon your students? How has technology impacted our sense of community and belonging for better or worse?



The one who can preserve gentleness amid pains, and peace amid worry multitude of affairs, is almost perfect.

—St. Francis de Sales

STAFF PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

We pray this week for a deepening in our relationships and sense of community.

We pray for your presence among us as we seek to build a more vibrant school family of shared values and a love of truth.

Help us, Jesus, to cling to you, the one who does not change.

Help us Holy Spirit to create, build and develop a family spirit where every person is shielded from the cold winds of disconnection and isolation.

In your name we pray.

Amen