

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.

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture from the Book of Romans 10 14 - 15

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”[g]

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

Questions For Group Discussion:

In what ways might you be able to see your work as missionary? How does your daily work function in a way similar to missionaries in previous moments of the Church's history?

What areas of culture do you feel it is important to take the Gospel? What particular problems or challenges that young people face do you feel need the light of the Gospel? How can you shed that light in practical ways?



“the special character of the Catholic school, the underlying reason for it, the reason why Catholic parents should prefer it, is precisely the quality of the religious instruction integrated into the education of the pupils”

Pope St. John Paul II
Catechese Tradendae

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PART 2

Take a moment to read aloud the following quote:

To all this we must add, in countries of long-standing evangelization, a growing marginalization of the Christian faith as a reference point and a source of light for an effective and convincing interpretation of existence.

The Catholic School On The Threshold Of The Third Millennium n.1

In what ways have you observed or experienced the marginalisation of the Christian faith in recent times? How is faith under pressure even in your own school due to competing demands and expectations.



STAFF PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,

Help us this week to rediscover a missionary spirit.

Help us to find a hunger and a heart to go towards our culture with your good news.

We pray for courage and intuition and grace and power as we seek to discern the challenges of our time and how best to respond to them.

Where faith has retreated give us the passion to reignite the fire in our own hearts and in the hearts of those we serve.

Where faith has become arid and dry send us out to live boldly with love and compassion and a commitment to the truth.

Help us, Lord Jesus to become the missionaries of our time.

In your name we pray. Amen

"...if religious education is limited to a presentation of the different religions, in a comparative and "neutral" way, it creates confusion or generates religious relativism or indifferentism.

The Catholic School On The Threshold of the Third Millennium n.12