

# STAFF DISCUSSION

## *Going Deeper*

### PART #1

## Scripture Reading

### STEP ONE

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.

### STEP TWO

After some time in silence, have one person read the following scripture aloud:

### A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 11 VERSE 23 - 26

FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD WHAT I ALSO PASSED ON TO YOU: THE LORD JESUS, ON THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED, TOOK BREAD, 24 AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." 25 IN THE SAME WAY, AFTER SUPPER HE TOOK THE CUP, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD; DO THIS, WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." 26 FOR WHENEVER YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.

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

## Questions for Discussion

### QUESTION ONE

What do you think is significant about the words, "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you..." with regards to both the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist and also the role of sacred tradition?

### QUESTION TWO

In the developed world it can often be politically incorrect to celebrate the West's religious or cultural traditions and history? Why do you think this may be the case? Is it reasonable?



If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

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### PART #2

#### STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote:

*IT IS CLEAR, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE SUPREMELY WISE ARRANGEMENT OF GOD, SACRED TRADITION, SACRED SCRIPTURE AND THE MAGISTERIUM OF THE CHURCH ARE SO CONNECTED AND ASSOCIATED THAT ONE OF THEM CANNOT STAND WITHOUT THE OTHERS. WORKING TOGETHER, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY UNDER THE ACTION OF THE ONE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY ALL CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE SALVATION OF SOULS... THIS MAGISTERIUM IS NOT SUPERIOR TO THE WORD OF GOD, BUT IS ITS SERVANT. IT TEACHES ONLY WHAT HAS BEEN HANDED ON TO IT. AT THE DIVINE COMMAND AND WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT LISTENS TO THIS DEVOTEDLY, GUARDS IT WITH DEDICATION AND EXPOUNDS IT FAITHFULLY.*

**POPE PAUL VI - DEI VERBUM**

#### STEP TWO

What do you feel about Pope Paul's words above? Is this a new idea for you that scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium all work together?



Frequently, only silence can express my prayer.

**ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**

### Staff Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray this week for a new openness to sacred Tradition as a source of life for each of us as individuals and for all of us as a school community.

We pray for a gentle awakening within our hearts to the great body of prayer, wisdom, reflection and study that has shaped the Church that you established.

Turn the ears of our hearts and the interest of our minds to particular saints and teachers whom you know may draw us ever more closely to a deeper relationship with you.

We ask this in your name.

Amen