

# STAFF DISCUSSION

## Going Deeper

### PART #1

### Scripture Reflection

#### 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 The Gospel of Luke Chapter 6 v27 - 31*

*"BUT TO YOU WHO ARE LISTENING I SAY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU, 28 BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU. 29 IF SOMEONE SLAPS YOU ON ONE CHEEK, TURN TO THEM THE OTHER ALSO. IF SOMEONE TAKES YOUR COAT, DO NOT WITHHOLD YOUR SHIRT FROM THEM. 30 GIVE TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU, AND IF ANYONE TAKES WHAT BELONGS TO YOU, DO NOT DEMAND IT BACK. 31 DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU."*

#### STEP THREE

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

### Questions for Small Group Discussion

#### QUESTION ONE

How does the idea of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you relate to helping students develop an authentic Catholic social conscience?

#### QUESTION TWO

How authentically is the concept of 'doing unto others' lived out in your school community? What systems, beliefs, rituals or processes embed this way of living in your daily interactions within the school?



*"THE WORLD WOULD HAVE PEACE IF ONLY MEN OF POLITICS WOULD FOLLOW THE GOSPELS."*

ST. BRIGID OF SWEEDEN

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#### STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote from Lay Catholics In Schools - Witnesses to Faith.

*"THE VOCATION OF EVERY CATHOLIC EDUCATOR INCLUDES THE WORK OF ONGOING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: TO FORM MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL BE READY TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY, PREPARING THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE KIND OF SOCIAL COMMITMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO WORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIAL STRUCTURES, MAKING THESE STRUCTURES MORE CONFORMED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GOSPEL."*

#### STEP TWO

In what ways is your school community helping students to be people who can work for the improvement of social structures that are conformed to the principles of the Gospel?

### Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray this week for the Holy Spirit to convict our hearts of the need to see the long-term ramifications of our work.

Help us to see that the students we reach today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Help us to know that forming their hearts, consciences and beliefs in Gospel values is a noble and privileged task.

Help us also to model justice in all our interactions as colleagues as we seek to reach out to each other in patience, acceptance and openness.

We make this prayer in your name.

Amen



*"GOD HAS CREATED ME TO DO HIM SOME DEFINITE SERVICE; HE HAS COMMITTED SOME WORK TO ME WHICH HE HAS NOT COMMITTED TO ANOTHER. I HAVE MY MISSION — I MAY NEVER KNOW IT IN THIS LIFE, BUT I SHALL BE TOLD IT IN THE NEXT. I HAVE A PART IN A GREAT WORK; I AM A LINK IN A CHAIN, A BOND OF CONNECTION BETWEEN PERSONS."*

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN