

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #1

Scripture Reflection

The New Testament is about the centrality of Christ. Jesus is the foundation upon which the entire Catholic faith is built.

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 Book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 3 9 -14

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward."

STEP THREE

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

Questions for Discussion

QUESTION ONE

As a staff group do you think that Jesus is currently the genuine foundation of your school? If not, then what do you think is?

QUESTION TWO

How is the 'foundation of Jesus Christ' made a reality in your school?



"You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love."

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote:

"Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school....The fact that in their own individual way all members of the school community shares this Christian vision makes the school Catholic."

The Catholic School Paragraph 34

STEP TWO

The Church documents highlight two criteria here for identifying a Catholic school. First, Christ must be the foundation and second, all staff, in differing ways shares that belief. Based on those premises, as a staff, how Catholic do you think your school really is?

Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the foundation of Christ.

We ask for the grace to gradually but continually deepen in the awareness of the centrality of Christ in all that we do in this school.

We pray also for a deepening sense of revelation and relationship in our own lives with the person of Jesus.

Help us to develop a deeper love of silence, prayer, stillness and sacrament through which we come to know your son more deeply.

Mary, we also ask that you would reveal your son to us and we ask your intercession for our ministry and for our relationships with each other and with young people.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



"It is a lesson we all need – to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL