

STAFF DISCUSSION

Going Deeper

PART #1

Scripture Reflection

Scripture makes it very clear that God wants to give us good things. He wants to actually give each of us the Holy Spirit to deepen our sense of vocation.

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 1st Book of Corinthians Chapter 12

"4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit...

STEP THREE

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

Questions for Discussion

STEP ONE

Think carefully about a particular skill or spiritual gift that you recognise in one of your colleagues. Share this with the group and what you value about it?

STEP TWO

This week's scripture talks about God's being at work in all the different gifts given to each staff member at this school. What do you think God is trying to accomplish in this school through all these different gifts?



"Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor."

MOTHER TERESA

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STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following quote from the Church documents:

"...we must remember that teachers and educators fulfil a specific Christian vocation and share an equally specific participation in the mission of the Church, to the extent that "it depends chiefly on them whether the Catholic school achieves its purpose"

(The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium para 25)

STEP TWO

Does the sense of your school achieving its mission 'depending chiefly on you' make you feel excited or burdened as a staff community?



"When the human person is with God in awe and love, then they are praying."

KARL RAHNER

Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank you for this great big mansion of a Church with so many rooms to explore.

We thank you that you give each of us a unique spirituality through which you reveal who you are to us in our own special way.

We thank you for the witness of so many saints and so many spiritual giants, men and women, down through the ages who invite us to journey with them on the path to knowing you more deeply.

We pray, that just as you love us all here present in our individual strengths and weaknesses, we also will come to love and serve the strengths and weaknesses in each other and in the precious young people we work with each day.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen