

## 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 Book of James Chapter 3*

*"3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

##### STEP THREE

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

#### Questions for Discussion

##### STEP ONE

As a staff group share some recent examples of how you have seen what is said by students on social media impacting others.

##### STEP TWO

What is the general tone of the way staff and students interact verbally. What about staff with other staff? Or communication and language something that is ever discussed?



*"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."*

G.K. CHESTERTON

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##### STEP ONE

Take a moment to read the following recent quote from Pope Francis:

*“We are called to show that the Church is the home of all. Are we capable of communicating the image of such a Church? Communication is a means of expressing the missionary vocation of the entire Church; today the social networks are one way to experience this call to discover the beauty of faith, the beauty of encountering Christ. In the area of communications too, we need a Church capable of bringing warmth and of stirring hearts.”  
(Pope Francis – World Communications Day 2013)*

##### STEP TWO

How could your school, “...bring warmth and stir hearts’ through how it understands and uses social communication. What messages, training or opportunities could we be bringing students to help them overcome much of the darkness of the Internet?

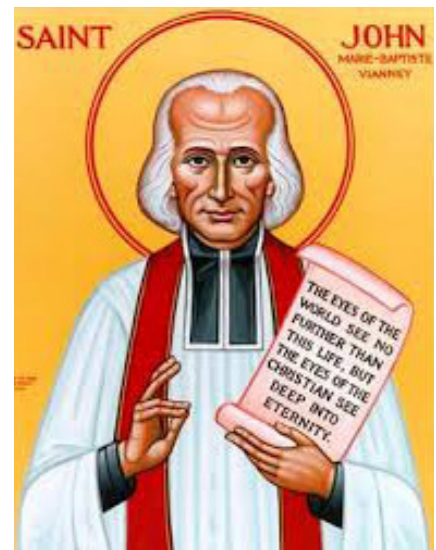
### Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the many benefits of technology and social communication. We thank you for the gifts of creativity and entrepreneurship that have allowed our world to become more connected than ever.

Help us to share with our students a new and compelling vision for their digital life. Help us to create a school culture where the strong protect the weak and all students learn to think of the impact of their decisions through the lens of faith and charity.

Give us also the courage in our staff relationships to go deeper into friendship, listening and deeper and more human communication.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



“My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath. –”

ST. JOHN VIANNEY