

Hello, Peace of Jesus to you.

This is the parent letter for parents of 9th-12th graders about The Chosen gathering that was on Monday, March 15th.

The team consisted of Kyle Cyphert, Statia Brown, Deacon Doug Konzal, and Myself.

We gathered with prayer and immediately reviewed last week's assignment which consisted of four parts

1. Read the sermon on the mount. Mathew Chapter 5, 6, and 7.
2. Pick your favorite part and pray with it using Lectio Divina. (Instructions have been included in email attachments as well as handed out at Youth group.)
3. Write down the Chapter and verses (Example Mathew Chapter 5:3-12) that you did Lectio Divina with and in a sentence or two what the Holy Spirit pointed out to you.
4. Bring it with you and be ready to share it with me on Monday when I ask you about it.

Only three youth did it. I am grateful to them for pursuing Jesus in the Scriptures in this way, for the rest of the group, I know they are reading the Bible in their way and are all eager young disciples! The goal of SJBOLYM is to lead the youth to Jesus, not to accomplish homework. Ask your youth if this is happening for them, and why or why not. And then let us work together to bring them to Jesus!

After this, we watched the videos on Building Virtue.

LESSON TWENTY-ONE: DO I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

SEGMENT 1 - HOW DO I BUILD VIRTUE?

Living a life of virtue requires hard work, dedication, and lots of practice. This interesting session focuses on the freedom needed to live a life of virtue. Just as athletes practice muscle memory to grow in skills, so too does virtue help you grow in holiness.

SEGMENT 2 - THE CARDINAL & THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Unlock the meaning behind each virtue in this session, which aims to give you a deeper understanding of the three theological virtues and the four cardinal virtues. Implementing these virtues into your life proves crucial for continuing the journey of faith.

SEGMENT 3 - LIVING A LIFE OF VIRTUE

There are many role models in the Catholic faith to help you grow in virtue. This session moves you in the right direction by looking to the saints for inspiration and intercession. In times of struggle to live a holy lifestyle, look to God and his holy saints!

We immediately had small groups, lead by team members. We had great discussions on how to live out what we just learned and why we must do it.

Then we gathered for a time of prayer and we did Fr. Larry's homily challenge from this past Sunday. We meditated on John 3:16-17 and made it personal. We sat with Jesus and let him speak these words to us, then we imagined speaking them to a friend. The point of this prayer

experience was when Faith becomes personal, it demands a response that makes us other-centered.

Lastly, we gave out this week's assignment.

THIS WEEKS ASSIGNMENT.

1 Corinthians 3:4-8

4* Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated,^d

5it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,^e

6it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

7It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.^f

8* Love never fails...

Personalize—Write I in each of the blanks.

_____ am patient, _____ am kind. _____ am not jealous, _____ am not pompous, _____ am not inflated,

_____ am not rude, _____ do not seek my own interests, _____ am not quick-tempered, _____ do not brood over injury,

_____ do not rejoice over wrongdoing but I rejoice with the truth.

_____ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

_____ never fail...

Be honest. Only write I in the blank if it's true.

_____ am patient, _____ am kind. _____ am not jealous, _____ am not pompous, _____ am not inflated,

_____ am not rude, _____ do not seek my own interests, _____ am not quick-tempered, _____ do not brood over injury,

_____ do not rejoice over wrongdoing but I rejoice with the truth.

_____ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

_____ never fail...

What is Jesus leading you to be better at to fill in those empty blanks?

I strongly encourage you to do this with your youth. I shared an example of how I was impatient that very day. We must become love. We closed with an opportunity for the youth to commit or recommit their hearts, minds, and lives to Jesus Christ. Followed by a blessing given by Deacon, Doug.

Live well and peace of Jesus to you! In everything, walk with Jesus! Learn from Him, follow Him, imitate Him, focus on Him and stay with Him.

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