Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2021-2022

This session's objectives:

- To help candidates recognize that their Catholic faith gives them a path to work toward peace & address social problems "If you want peace, work for justice." Pope St. Paul VI
- To introduce the Two Feet of Love in Action as seen in the work of Catholic social service organizations concerned with acts of charity and justice

This session's program:

- 1. Name-tag pick-up and/or Check-in Tr B does in pairs or sm grps 5 min 6:45 check-in about Confirmation Name research: have you chosen a Confirmation Name?
- 2. Opening Prayer "Peace Prayer of St Francis" slideshow (Saule/Rachel) 5 min 6:50
- 3. **Presentation on Peace & Justice** (Saule/Rachel) use Paul VI quote 15 min 6:55 fairness (everyone gets the same) vs. justice (everyone gets what they need) (students may recognize as a frequent example given by former 2nd Gr teacher Mrs. Rabinak)
 - example from an accident: bandage for scraped elbow but not the same for broken arm
 - if everyone has what they need, less to fight about, but must still choose not to take advantage of each other (tell story of St. Francis & wolf of Gubbio from separate notes)
- 4. Breakout: The Peaceable Kingdom

20 min 7:10

- <u>Track B</u> could do this in small groups, or as partners teacher's choice!
- read Isaiah 11:6-9 & its sidebar article in Bible, discuss using question sheet
 - consider how unhealthy relationships become that of predator and prey
 - how can we make this <u>metaphor</u> for the peaceable Reign of God part of our society?
- 5. Working for Justice (Saule/Rachel)

15 min 7:30

- review: getting what we need for our different wounds
- briefly brainstorm ideas from students: what are the wounds on our world?
 - how might social problems begin? (can prompt with examples from stories that the students have read in Ms. Levison's Lit class)
- also need to differentiate our response to the wounds themselves
 - to heal these wounds (acts of charity) to prevent future wounds (acts of justice)
 - acts of justice in the skateboarding example: safety training or special equipment
- explain Charity and Justice as the 2 Feet of Love in Action
- use <u>video</u> about the call to Charity & Justice, which in part addresses the (politicized) misconception that the Church should only be interested in Charity, not in Justice
- 6. **Breakout: Our Catholic Response to Social Problems** 25-40 min 7:45
 - question sheets <u>different for each table/group</u> read a Bible passage & sidebar article
 - learn key points/summary of Catholic response to this social problem
 - learn about the work of a Catholic organization addressing this social problem through acts of charity and acts of justice Tr B may need to finish as HW if timeframe too tight?
- 7. **HW, Reminders & Closing Prayer** (Saule/Rachel) 5 min 8:25 prayer: *Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Justice* (on prayer cards)

Reminders & Homework for Candidates:

- read/do journal pp. 17 and 67 due at next class
- **bring to next class** your folder, <u>your Bible</u>, your book, your journal, any late forms *Track A:* Monday, November 29 *Track B:* Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1
- finish writing your Confirmation Name reflection! Final reflection due:

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