

Lesson Plan: Grade 6
June 2013

Instructions: Using the *Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization: Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide*, choose a topic, the Standards, and the Indicators for the grade level you teach (Use Grade 8 if you work with older students.) Find supporting materials for teaching the lesson in the religion textbook for your grade level. Develop a lesson plan which incorporates **methodologies involving art and environment**. Follow the Lesson Planning Outline. Be sure to indicate the grade or age group you are teaching.

Preparing to Teach the Lesson

Lesson Title: The Gift of Faith (Be My Disciples)

Standard 8 Catholic Church: Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church's origin, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and the communion of saints.

Indicators:

6.08.01 Realize the mission of Christ and Holy Spirit is brought to the completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ; the Church, guided by Holy Spirit, continues Christ's saving work, especially through the Sacraments.

6.08.03 Explain and celebrate the Pope as the leader of the Catholic Church.

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Resources:

- Be My Disciples (Student and Catechist Editions)
- Student pages
- Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization
- Key Element V
- Appendix #1 & Appendix #3

- Web-site: Cathedral Mary Our Queen [Baltimore Archdiocese]
Color copies of several interior stain glass panels:
 - i. Advent
 - ii. Christmas
 - iii. New Beginings [stone panel]
 - iv. Early Ministry
 - v. What is our response to Jesus?

Background Reading:

- Be My Disciples - Catechist pages 47-55
- Student pages 11-18
- Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization
- Key Element V
- Parent's Guide Standard 8-Catholic Church
- App #3: Glossary Words
- Review web-site for Cathedral Mary our Queen (CMOQ)for above stain glass panels to review with class.

Environment:

Student Area: The first part of the class all chairs arranged around large conference table. For second half presenting copies of the stain glass windows from CMOQ all chairs moved together to view on line information also. Each student will have a copy given after each presentation to view.

Prayer Space: Green cloth to cover table; Youth Cross; battery powered candles;

Materials for Class:

- Canvas Boards for each student (11"x7")
- Color markers
- color pencils
- Disciples Bag
- Glue

Teaching the Lesson

WELCOME: Good morning young disciples. I am so happy today and to know you spent time with Jesus this morning in Mass.

PRAYER: Let us now begin our prayer and time together with the Sign of the Cross. Holy Spirit Prayer (pg 259 of Be My Disciples - Student)

Review: Previous lesson

PREVIEW: Can someone tell me what this is? [Show a stain glass panel from CMOQ]. Then show several thin colored papers that the students will do their own stain glass project. Now can you tell me who these two gentlemen are? [Photo of Pope Frances and Archbishop Broglio]

LESSON:

1. We get to know a person gradually just like you do when you meet new friends. So has God in introducing us to our faith.

- a. Read Psalm 148: 7-13 [Have students alternate lines]
- b. Ask the following questions:
 - i. What did you think the Psalm was saying?
 - ii. How do you look at a landscape or even the bay help you know about God? [Show a picture of the Chesapeake Bay sunset and sunrise]

2. Students turn to page 12 and read about World Youth Day.

- a. Activity: Have students draw 3 concentric circles on their paper. Draw a church in the middle. Label one circle celebrate grow in faith and the life in faith. Now have the students name some of the ways that our parish brings youth together.
- b. Review activity with class.

3. Let's look at the celebration of our Church. Like your activity the Church is in the center. This reminds us that Christ, in the Eucharist, is the center of our faith. Think what this means? That we understand clearly we center our lives as we grow in faith and live in faith in Christ.

4. Growing in Faith

a. Here are some ways to grow in faith (page 13)

- i. Pray to the Holy Spirit
- ii. Personally know Jesus the Incarnate Word of God
- iii. Study the Bible (the Inspired Word)
- iv. Learn the teachings of the Church
- v. Listen to Pope Francis, Archbishop Broglio

Note: Define Incarnate
Question: What ways have you responded to God's invitation to faith?
[some answers could be serving Mass; helping a neighbor; collecting needs for the local food closet..]

b. Let's go over some new vocabulary words from our readings today:

- i. creed: a statement of beliefs, a profession of faith, a summary of the principal beliefs of the Church.
- ii. faith: one of three theological virtues. It is the gift of God's invitation to us that enables us to know and believe in him and the power God gives us to respond freely to his invitation.
- iv. incarnation: The divine nature of the Son of God substantially united with human nature in Jesus Christ.
- v. Inspired (Scripture): The Holy Spirit helping the authors of the Bible to tell the truth that God wants us to know.

5. Helping you to grow in faith are not only your parents, who are your first teachers, but from our priest to the Pope.

a. Let's share some of those apostles and disciples in our faith.

- i. Priest
- ii. Deacon
- iii. Bishop
- iv. Pope
- vi. Sister or Nuns
- vii. Brothers or religious men

b. Pope Francis

- i. A photo will be shown
- ii. Explain and celebrate Pope Francis as the leader of the Catholic Church.

c. Deacon: Explain what a Deacon is.

d. Sisters or Nuns: Explain the vocation of being a Sister.

f. Religious Men or Brothers: Explain the vocation of being a Brother.

e. Archbishop for Military Services: (Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio (prayer cards with the Archbishops photo)

6. Evangelization

All that serve our Church from Pope Francis to our priest are serving one Church. The word evangelization means to proclaim Christ and his Gospel. We do this thru our words and lives, making us disciples for Christ.

i. The lesson mentioned and introduced you to a few of God's disciples. From Pope Francis to our own military disciple, Archbishop Broglio.

ii. You are also disciples that thru your actions and how you live the Church's teaching. What does this mean?

[A few minutes for the students to put their books up and turn their chairs around for the next part of the class.]

7. Now let us continue our journey in faith with visiting Cathedral Mary Our Queen that is located in Baltimore. It is one of the most important cathedrals in the United States. The architecture and art are designed to make our faith come alive. That is the beautiful stain glass panels at the Cathedral Mary Our Queen.

As you walk in to this incredible Cathedral from massive stain glass panels to the different altars and statues bring our faith alive.

Here are a few stain glass panels:

***Advent:** The Messiah will come. Below this window it tells the story of the coming of Christ.

***Christmas:** Christ is born. The altar that is below this window is the altar of St. Vincent de Paul who is the patron saint of charitable organizations.

***What is Our Response:** The stain glass shows many

ministries. Below the stain glass panel is the altar of St. Sulpice. In honor St. Sulpice, Father Jean Jacques Oliver began the society of priest dedicated to formation and training of priest. The order Sulpicians is where Bishop John Carroll was ordained priest. The Sulpicians founded Saint Mary's Seminary and University, where they continue to train for Baltimore and the entire United States those discerning to become priest.

***New Beginings:** Although this is not a stain glass panel, this references to the early year's of Jesus' life which he spent with Mary and Joseph. They are our model for the Christian Family. At the top of the stone carving is the hands of Jesus divine Father. The text that is written is from Psalms 83, which is used on the Feast of the Holy Father. It says "Blessed are they that dwell in the House of the Lord".

***Early Ministry:** This stain glass panel we see Jesus healing the Centurion's servant. The text is from the gospel of Matthew 8:8, this is the Centurion's response and we say this also at Mass before we go to Communion. It says "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you under my roof, but say the word and I shall be healed."

These are just a few of the beautiful art of our Catholic faith. I would encourage you to visit Cathedral Mary Our Queen. Before visiting go on live to www.cathedralsmary.com and go on the virtual tour of the entire Cathedral.

8. Evaluation: The feedback from the exercises will give a good measurement of how much the students have learned and also what they already understand.

9. Assignment: Stain Glass Window (paper)

Purpose: With the focus of centering in Christ the students will make "paper" stain glass panels. To encourage each student in the gifts they have to share and a reminder of faith.

Direction: You will be making a paper stain glass panel that describes our faith. There are 2 black construction paper and sheets of different tissue paper.

*The black construction paper will be use as the leaded outlines that you see on the stain glass panels. You can cut several shapes with one of the black construction paper. The other will be use for the back. [here is an example to start]. The colored tissue paper is to be used to fill in the black open spaces.

Use the glue that is provided to glue your colored tissue papers and the 2nd black construction paper will cover the back of the first.

All your supplies are in your Disciple Pack. Please use the glue that is included.

10. Closing Prayer:

At Baptism we profess our faith in God with the Church. Pray for this profession of faith.[The following is taken from the Rites of Baptism]. Your response will be I do.

Leader: Let us profess our faith.

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father.

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I do.

Leader: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ, Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

As we greet each other entering our classroom, with the Sign of the Peace, so we leave with each offering the other the Sign of the Peace. Now go and serve as disciples of Christ