

Lesson Plan

Subject/Course: Religious Education – **Secondary**

Topic: Pope Francis

Lesson Title: Walking with Mercy

General Capabilities covered in this topic: literacy, ICT capability, critical and creative thinking, ethical understanding, and intercultural understanding.

Lesson Objectives

To understand the importance of living our faith in our daily lives.

To enable students to have an understanding of developing faith through role models such as Pope Francis, who lives his faith and convictions and therefore promotes peace, mercy and interfaith understanding globally.

To develop critical inquiry into the reforms that Pope Francis has proposed for the Church in the 21st century in areas where humanity and mercy are the main objectives.

To identify sources of prayer from scripture, church leaders, with emphasis on Pope Francis' quotes, prayers, reflections and statements.

To deepen understanding of the role of church leaders and heroes of our Catholic faith through using their gifts of the Holy Spirit in living their faith in action. The use of social media sites, visual literacy, historical internet research, creative play and activities discerns the Gospel's message in a modern context for students.

Summary of Tasks/Actions

Theme Prayers: Traditional prayers and reflection from Prayer Journals, Pope Francis' prayer to the youth, and internet sources

Biblical Literacy: Verses from the Gospel

Activity Sheet: narrative text, visual literacy, creative activities, research assignment.

Material/Equipment

Internet for research
CD player or Mp3 for music

References

The Catholic Youth Bible

Against the Tide: The Radical leadership of Pope Francis, John L. Allen Jr

Pope Francis: In His Own Words

Bring Forth Hope: Pope Francis Speaks to the Youth of the World

The Catholic Youth Prayer Book

The Australian Catholic Youth Prayer Journal

Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel

Walking in Joy with Pope Francis

The Joy of the Gospel: Group Reading Guide, Bill Huebsch

Pope Francis: Why he leads the way he leads, Chris Lowney

Saint Francis, Pope Francis: A Common Vision, Gina Loehr

Social Justice: Fuller Life in a Fairer World, Bruce Duncan

Jesus and the Natural world, Denis Edwards