

HOSPITALITY

“Only those who have opened their hearts to Christ can offer a hospitality that is never formal or superficial but identified by gentleness and reverence”

Pope John Paul II

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:38-42

Reflection-How can we be more like Mary? When do we take the time to listen to family and friends?

Gen. 18:1-10a

Reflection-St Paul writes that one of Abraham’s greatest gifts is hospitality.

How do we welcome those who are new to us either at school or in our neighbourhood?

How can you practice hospitality this month?

How can we include the poor and needy in our hospitality?

Who are the people who have welcomed you into the Church or into their homes?

How have they helped you experience God’s love?

Peter 4:7-11

Reflection-How can we show hospitality to one another with grumbling?

What things in our lives are causing us to grumble?

What can we do to show our hospitality without grumbling even when our stress levels are high?

What are the enemies of hospitality?

Activities:

Role-play welcoming others and having a short conversation.

(Primary) Prepare a banner for your classroom door. Write out the word WELCOME across the top. Have the students cut pictures of people from magazines and glue these on to the banner to make a collage.

Secondary School-Discuss this statement, “... if there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality.” (Henri Nouwen p. 60, **Reaching Out: Three Movements of the Spiritual Life**)