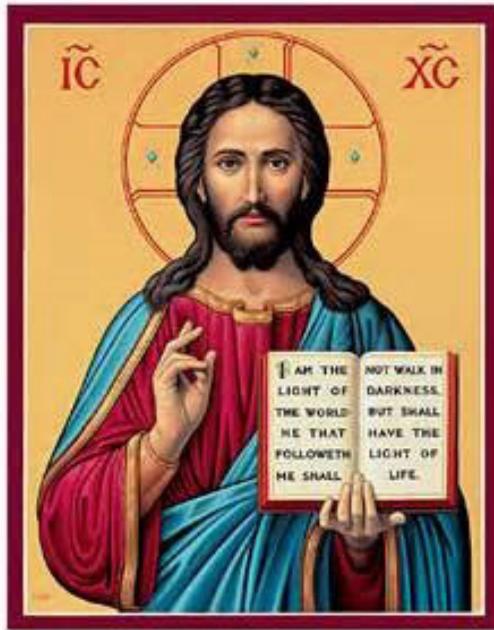


Christ in the Classroom Foundation

CIC Leadership Retreat
September 23, 2021

Task #4: Prayer

Presented By: Fr. Bill Watson



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Virtual Christ in The Classroom Foundation Leadership Retreat – **Claiming Our Sacred Story**

Zoom Invitation

Topic: Virtual Catholic School Leadership Retreat
Time: Sep 23, 2021 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88342511401?pwd=L2hlM0ROV05FdGs2bkp4TFoxOGJUdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 4251 1401
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Agenda

<u>Time:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Speaker:</u>
9:00	Welcome, Prayer, and Introductions	Sandy Smith
9:05	Session 1: <i>The first part of claiming our sacred story is listening to the great story of the gift of the creation. This session will explore the nature of the universe and what it means for each of us.</i>	
	Fr. Bill Watson 30-minute Reflection	
9:30	Individual Reflection: 45-minute personal/private prayer meditation	
10:15	15-minute break	

10:30 **Session 2:** *Claiming our sacred story also entails our fuller understanding of the unique creation of the human person. This session will help individuals marvel at the miracle of the inner universe that comprises each of us beings created in the image and likeness of God.*

Fr. Bill Watson 30-minute Reflection

11:00 Individual Reflection: 45-minute personal/private prayer meditation

11:45 Check-in; Take-aways from the morning session

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Session 3:** *Claiming our sacred story finally must account for how each of us must come to terms with how well we have or have not cherished the gifts of creation of the universe and of our own human nature.*

Fr. Bill Watson 30-minute Reflection

1:30 Individual Reflection: 45-minute personal/private prayer meditation

2:15 **15-minute break**

2:30 **Closing:** *Coming to Consciousness. Is there a war against consciousness? If so, as Christians and teachers, we must engage that struggle so our lives, indeed, become a sacred story.*

Questions/Discussion

3:00 Preparing for Local CIC Foundation Retreats on Friday, October 8, 2021

OCS Team

*See where you are centered, and decenter yourself.
The task is to open doors and windows and move out beyond.*

-Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, Pope Francis, 2020.

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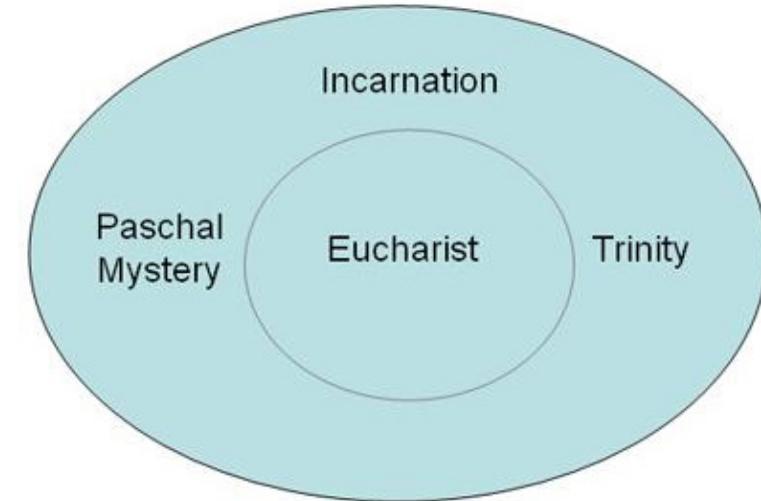
Foundation Description

School personnel enter into each school with varying experiences and understandings of their faith and how to share that faith with their community. This first foundational retreat focused on the Catholic intellectual tradition and engaged participants in learning about and reflecting upon the great mysteries of the faith: the Incarnation, the Trinity, the Paschal Mystery, and the central mystery of the faith, the Eucharist. The local retreat experience empowered participants to prepare thoughtfully for inviting students and their families into these mysteries in helpful and compelling ways. The presenter provided an introduction and connection to Church teaching and documents that spoke directly to these mysteries, as well as using a reflective journal and sharing time. The participants learned from the presenter, but also from one another in a retreat setting.

We share in this great ministry of Catholic education, including the awesome responsibility of bringing families to our faith. The CIC Foundation retreats aim to encourage all participants to reflect deeply on the introductory statement in their covenant,

“The teacher agrees to respect Catholic values and to aid students in Christian formation by exemplifying Catholic living, both in and out of the school. Catholic schools educate their pupils to promote efficiently the good of the earthly city, and prepare them for the service of spreading the kingdom of God, so that by the exercise of an exemplary and apostolic life they may become, as it were, the saving leaven of human society. Bound by love to each other and to their pupils and imbued with the apostolic spirit, administrators and teachers bear witness by their life and teaching to the one teacher Christ (Gravissimum Educationis 8). This is the spirit that characterizes the covenantal relationship between the employer and the employee in the Catholic school”.

The Relationship of the Great Mysteries



CIC Retreat Program Outcomes

The participants will have the opportunity to:

- Become familiar with the diverse forms and expressions of prayer.
- Experience and appreciate the richness of the Catholic tradition of spirituality and contemplation.
- Develop a regular pattern of personal prayer and spiritual reflection, recognizing vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer as basic and fruitful practices in the life of a disciple of Jesus.
- Engage in shared prayer experiences with others as a community of faith.
- Recognize and encourage practices of devotion that help believers express and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ.

Time belongs to the Lord. Trusting in Him, we move forward with courage, building unity through discernment, to discover and implement God’s dream for us, and the paths of action ahead.

-Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, Pope Francis, 2020



More Information

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