

A Reading from the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church:

It is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ, of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such, a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history. (40)

Psalm Response:

**Through the abundance of your mercy,
I will enter into your house.**

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
understand my sighing.
Attend to the sound of my cry,
my king and my God!

For to you I will pray, Lord;
in the morning you will hear my voice;
in the morning I will plead before you and wait.

You are not a god who delights in evil;
no wicked person finds refuge with you;
the arrogant cannot stand before your eyes.

You hate all who do evil;
you destroy those who speak falsely.
A bloody and fraudulent man
the Lord abhors.

But I, through the abundance of your mercy,
will enter into your house.
I will bow down toward your holy sanctuary
out of fear of you.

Lord, guide me in your justice because of my foes;
make straight your way before me.
Then all who trust in you will be glad
and forever shout for joy.

You will protect them and those will rejoice in you
who love your name.
For you, Lord, bless the just one;
you surround him with favor like a shield.

**Through the abundance of your mercy,
I will enter into your house.**

(Psalm 5)

Call to Holiness

I see holiness in (name someone you know)

_____ ,

because (describe something they have done) _____

_____ .

I see holiness in myself when I ... (describe something you do) _____

_____ .

How would you define/describe the holiness you just considered?

_____ .

I help our students see the presence of God in their everyday lives when I ...

_____ .

My reflections: _____

Take a few minutes to share some of your responses with a few colleagues.

Is there anything you would like to share with everyone else?

A Reading from Called and Gifted; The American Catholic Laity

The Church is to be sign of God's kingdom in the world. The authenticity of that sign depends on all the people: laity, religious, deacons, priests and bishops. Unless we truly live as the People of God, we will not be much of a sign to ourselves or the world. We are convinced that the laity are making an indispensable contribution to the experience of the People of God and that the full import of their contribution is still in a beginning form in the post-Vatican II Church.

(Conclusion)

Intercessions:

For all here who work on our relationship with God; we pray for the courage and strength to do so, we pray to the Lord ...

For our students as they seek to understand the reason for faith in their lives, we pray to the Lord ...

For all who seek holiness in everyday life, we pray to the Lord ...

For all here, that we bear witness to the truth especially with our students, we pray to the Lord ...

That the members of this school community find the courage to remain faithful to the Church's mission, we pray to the Lord ...

(Spontaneous prayers)

Our Father:

Closing Prayer:

God of love and mercy, you call us to be your people, you gift us with your abundant grace. Make us a holy people, radiating the fullness of your love. Form us into a community, a people who care, expressing your compassion. Remind us day after day of our baptismal call to serve, with joy and courage. Teach us how to grow in wisdom and grace and joy in your presence.

Through Jesus and in your Spirit, we make this prayer. **Amen.**

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**SECOND CALL
We are Called to Holiness**

Opening Prayer:

Lord, you call each of us to the apostolate of making manifest your Kingdom here on earth. Through your Spirit you provide each of us with a unique set of gifts to use in our particular ministry. Grant us your grace so that we might understand your will and accept the challenge that you present to us today.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Brother.

Amen.