Where There is Forgiveness, There is Love

“For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more.” - St. Maximilian Kolbe

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How was St. Maximilian Kolbe a comfort for those with him in camps?
- What characteristics do saints have? When was he canonized? Explain how Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated these characteristics.
- How do you think Maximilian kept his strength?
- Look at the quote above. Why did he say he would still suffer more?
- What are some ways you can live by his words?
- Many call Maximilian Kolbe a hero. Who are some heroes we see today?
- Recently during this challenging time, we are hearing the term “everyday” heroes? Who are they referring to? Give examples.

Writing Assignment:

Write an essay:
Paragraph 1: In the Lord’s Prayer we recite about forgiveness. First paragraph, rewrite the part of the prayer and explain in your own words what forgiveness is. In the second paragraph, share a time you were forgiven. Next paragraph, share a time you forgave someone. Third paragraph, share a time you were forgiven. Last paragraph, write a conclusion on forgiveness.
RESOURCES

GRADE 4-8

Learn 360:

- The Olympic Doll – Based on the book, "I Am a Star" by Inge Auerbacher.
- Grandmother Celia’s Survival Story – Clip about a Grandmother who shares her experiences with her family.
- Diary of Anne Frank Series (Grades 5-8) This series is divided into 4 episodes.
- Children of the Holocaust (Grades 5-8) Six stories from eyewitnesses during the Nazi invasion.

Suggested Reading:

- The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- “I Never Saw Another Butterfly“ – Children’s drawings and poems-Terezin Concentration Camps by Hana Volavkova (Editor)
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- Red Smoke by Veronica Fuxa
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- Hidden Gold: A True Story of the Holocaust by Ella Burakowski
- The Devil’s Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- Ashes by Kathryn Lasky
- I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up In The Holocaust by Livia Bitton-Jackson
- The Extra by Kathryn Lasky
- MAUS by Art Spiegelman
- The StoryTeller by Jodi Picoult
PHOTO ANALYSIS ACTIVITY

Auschwitz Camp, 1942

 Holocaust Museum visit, 2010

Click [HERE](#) to see images of Holocaust photos.

**STEP 1:**

- Ask students to look deeply at the picture for a good long time. Have them observe shapes, colors, textures, the position of people and/or objects, etc.
STEP 2:
• Have students write down what they see without making any interpretation about what the picture is trying to say.

STEP 3:
• Ask students: What questions do you have about this picture that you would need to have answered before you can begin to interpret it? Ask as many questions as you have.

STEP 4:
• Have students discuss their questions with two other students in the class to try to find some answers.

STEP 5:
• Given the historical context and subject of the piece, ask students what they think the photographer is trying to say (what does the piece mean), and who they think is the intended audience?

STEP 6:
• Discuss your interpretation with the class, and be prepared to support your view by referring to specific elements of the image and what you know about the history of the time.
A Special Gift from God: Forgiveness

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think the true meaning of forgiveness is?
- How did Jesus show Forgiveness?
- What do you think the author meant when she said: “forgiveness is beneficial to give and receive”?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GRADE K-8:

Learn360:

- Forgiveness
- Forgiveness
- Brother Francis: Forgiven
The Healing Power of Forgiveness

Steven McDonald Novels

The Tablet Resources:

- Detective Steven McDonald Was a Saint of Our Times
- Detective McDonald Brings Healing Message to Kids
- The Power of Human Will

NET TV Videos:

- In the Arena: Tribute to Steven McDonald
- Xaverian High School Remembers Steven McDonald
ASK SR. ELIZABETH

- Create a question blog in your virtual classroom to encourage students to inquire about Forgiveness.

JOURNALISM RESOURCES

- Visit Tablet Jr. for Resources

DIOCESAN HISTORY CORNER

- Who was Fr. John Farnan?
- What was the first parish on Long Island?
- St. James Church is now known as St. James Cathedral Basilica. What is a Basilica?

Research Corner:

- When did the Long Island Diocese split into 2 separate dioceses? What are they?
- When did your parish open? Share some interesting facts you have learned.
- Create a drawing of your parish church.

Sadlier Resources

- Lenten Resources