

Laity Engaging Laity (LEL) Reflection

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LEL Mission

"To help laity impact the culture by developing their faith more deeply and living it as strong witnesses in every area of their lives"

August 15, 2015

Year of the Holy Spirit

"Manifestation Charisms Overview"

- Recap of the Holy Spirit Year (see 2015 Summary Handout)
- Manifestation Charisms Overview - Jessica Navin (see Sanctifying and Charismatic Gifts Slides)
 - The Holy Spirit is a Sanctifier and Artisan molding us into the image of Jesus
 - There are two kinds of grace (Aquinas):
 - "Sanctifying" which unites a person to God, we all have this at baptism - it is for us
 - "Gratuitous" (Charismatic) which is bestowed on a person for the benefit of another person's justification - it is for others
 - Seven sanctifying (Isaiah) gifts are given to all of us for our holiness: Fear of the Lord, Piety, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Wisdom, Fortitude
 - Gratuitous (Manifestation) gifts/charisms are given as the Spirit wills (we all have some, but no one has all) - for the good of others - no set list
 - We receive them if we believe and say "yes" to God's gifts, need to desire them
 - Jesus promised an outpouring of charisms (Mk 16:17-18)
 - The Apostles urged the Churches to seek spiritual gifts (charisms) for the benefit of the communities (1 Cor 14:1, 1 Pt 4:10)
 - Church Fathers (e.g. Irenaeus, 150 AD) acknowledged charisms working in the Church
 - Vatican II urged the acceptance and use of charisms (Lumen Gentium 12)
 - 1 Cor 12 talks of nine gifts/charisms (grouping below is for ease of discussion, charisms are talked about in other ways also)
 - Action Charisms, the power to DO: Faith, Healing, Miracles
 - Revelation Charisms, the power to KNOW: Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Discernment of Spirits
 - Word Charisms, the power to SAY: Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Prophecy
 - These Charisms will be explored in detail in Sep-Nov LEL retreats
- Spiritual Reflection: (Journaling Questions handout)
 - The Holy Spirit wants to mold us into Jesus, to make Jesus manifest in us through the charisms
 - Portrait of Jesus video - we need to become a portrait of Jesus
 - God wants us to serve and bring fruit to the earth, to heal destruction and distortions
 - We have to desire to find God and accept His invitation of love - we have to be Christ in the world
 - We are given gifts/charisms to use to do this (parable of the "Talents" (Mt 25:14-29)), use them, don't bury them
 - We must join with God, say "yes" to the charisms/gifts and manifest God's love to the world
- Small Group Reflections: (see Journaling Questions handout)
 - Use variety of items (which were given to each person) to show God's love for us
 - Reflect on the similarity and differences of this creative exercise to the receipt and presentation of the Manifestation Charisms

- Handouts/Reflections/Slides: (see LEL website, link is at top of page 1)
 - LEL Reflection - Manifestation Charisms Overview - Aug 15
 - LEL Agenda - Aug 15
 - 2015 Summary, Jan-Aug
 - Sanctifying and Charismatic Gifts Slides
 - Song Lyrics: Portrait of Jesus and Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here
 - Journaling Questions - Aug 15
 - Feedback Sheet - Aug 15