

## Session 3 – Pilgrimage: Merge and Diverge

*Aim: To explore how the Catholic Church is diverse, why she needs to be diverse, why we are made to be diverse*

**Scripture:** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations”- Mt 28:19

### Tools of the Journey: Journaling

‘Silence’ is the mother tongue of God. Participants are provided with an opportunity to communicate and listen to God through the silence of our heart.

### Big Group Activity: Catholicism in world culture

1. **Spanish class I** – To appreciate the language and cultural diversity of the Catholic Church in preparation for WYD Madrid.

2. **Stimulus** - *Catholicism in world culture* (PowerPoint)

A PowerPoint with photos showing the diversity of the church’s ‘languages’ for participants to reflect on.

*Purpose:* God is so big that you cannot use any one medium to express him. For example, we cannot teach the language - Spanish in Spanish to an English speaking audience. We need to learn the different languages of the world to convey God’s message to the ends of the earth.

### Small Group Activity:

#### 1. Warm up activity - 1 Minute Stardom

Each person in the group is given a minute to talk, other members must keep quiet and cannot interrupt. The person may share about anything happening in their life or any random thoughts for 1 minute.

#### 2. Discussion questions:

- What is a language? What does language do?
- Picture of Lord of the Rings (Refer to attachment) – what might this say about WORLD youth day?
- We are all different: what are the advantages and disadvantages of diversity? How/Is the Catholic Church diverse?
- What languages does God use to speak to you? The Church to the world?

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### Song: Nada Te Turbe (Spanish)

Nada te turbe, nada te espante;  
quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te turbe, nada te spante:  
sólo Dios basta.

Translation:

Be not troubled, be not frightened.  
Those who seek God, shall never go  
wanting.

Be not troubled, be not frightened.  
God alone fulfils our hearts

### Prayer:

1. Play the sound clip of *The Lord's Prayer* in Aramaic

*Purpose:* For participants to listen to and picture Jesus in the language he spoke, teaching us how to say the Lord's Prayer, and reflect on the cultural diversity of the church.

2. Group Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (in English)

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
they will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.



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#### **Introduction**

Song – Nada de turbe

#### **Big Group Activity:**

Spanish class 1 – To appreciate the language and cultural diversity of the Catholic Church in preparation for WYD Madrid.

Stimulus - Catholicism in world culture (PowerPoint)

For participants to reflect on the diversity of the church's 'languages'. God is so big that you cannot use any one medium to express him. For example, imagine learning Spanish in Spanish to an English speaking audience?! We need to learn the different languages of the world to convey God's message to the ends of the earth.

#### **Tools of the Journey:**

Journaling – 'Silence' is the mother tongue of God, this is an opportunity now to communicate and listen to God through the silence of our heart. *Nada de turbe* to be played in the background.

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#### **Small Group Activity:**

Warm up activity: 1 Minute Stardom

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#### Discussion

Suggested discussion questions:

1. **What is a language? What does language do?**
2. Picture of *Lord of the Rings* – what might this say about WORLD youth day? \*
3. We are all different: what are the advantages and disadvantages of diversity? How/Is the Catholic Church diverse?
4. What languages does God use to speak to you? The Church to the world?
5. Why is Jesus called the *Word of God*? What is a word?

#### **Conclude:**

1. Song - Nada de turbe
2. Prayer – *Our Father* in Aramaic (listen)  
*Our Father* in English (together)

\* Worldwide event, each race (companion) had a unique and important role to play, each race would be affected by outcome of the mission, inside-out growth journey undertaken by all companions, interdependence and support for one another etc

