

Session 6: "Sinners to Saints"

Aim: Recognising that we are all made to be saints but that now it requires us to surrender to God to mould us into who he designed us to be.

Scripture: "Can I not do with you, as this potter does? Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand" - Jer 18:6



Big Group Activity: The Potter's hand

1. **Video** – *God doesn't make Junk*

2. **Game** – **You are the Poo of the Earth**

Each participant is given a piece of clay (like poo) and given a picture in exact size of the shape they need to mould the clay into, participants are unaware of the significance of each piece at this stage. On completion, each piece of work will be collected and they will be put together to form a picture of the world map. Participants can then take home their piece of work after the activity.

Debrief: Through this game, we experience moulding clay from 'poo' to something individual and unique, just as how God sees the inheritable beauty inside each of us and mould us into our potential. Furthermore, this unique individual piece comes together with the other pieces to form the 'world', symbolizing we are moulded in a particular way to form a bigger picture and each of us is a unique part of it.

3. **Video** – *The Potter's Hand*

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 answer the question 'how are you' for 1 minute.

2. **Discussion questions:**

- What is required for a person to be a saint?
- 1 min sainthood (Each person is given one minute to imagine themselves as a saint in the future, what will they be famous for, or what patron saint will they be.)
- Reflections on the two videos
- Based on the Poo game, is it important to become the 'shape' we were made to be? Why/why not?
- What do you visualize when you think of a saint?
- Why does the Catholic Church recognise individuals as Saints?
- Would you want to be a saint? Are you afraid of being one? Why?

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Song: The Potter's Hands

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Prayer: Prayer of Surrender

St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, O Lord,
And receive my entire liberty,
my memory, my understanding
and my whole will.

All that I am and all that I possess
You have given me;
I surrender it all to You
to be disposed of according to Your will.

Give me only Your love and Your grace;
with these I will be rich enough,
and will desire nothing more.

Amen.

Tools of the Journey:

Patron Saint of WYD - St. Ignatius Loyola

Introduce the saint and their history briefly; follow by reflection on one of their quotes.

Game: Who Am I?

Information will be read out by the leader; participants are to guess who this Saint is and keep quiet until all information is given even if they already know the answer. (refer to attached document for information on saint)

Quote: "Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mould them accordingly".

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Introduction:

1. Song: Potter's Hand (lyrics refer to Attachment 1)
2. Introduction to course, and today's theme, welcome new comers.

Big Group Activity:

Video 1 - *God doesn't make junk*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhfUzodLRvk>

Group Activity - *You are the Poo of the Earth!*

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Video 2 - Potter's hand (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6cBR6cZBNE&feature=related>)

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Patron Saints of WYD - *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Introduce the saint and their history briefly, followed by reflection on one of the saint's quotes.

Game: Who Am I? *The following information will be given, and participants are to guess who this Saint is, participants are to keep quiet till all information is given even if they already know the answer.*

1. I am born in 1491 in Guipuscoa, Spain.
2. I am the youngest son of 13 children.
3. I was addicted to gambling and very contentious when I was young dreaming of fame, glory and winning the love of ladies.
4. I was courageous and served in the army at the age of 30.
5. I was struck by a cannon ball and wounded one leg, since then I walked with a limp for the rest of my life.
6. I read books about the life of Christ and saints during recovery and discovered a profound sense of peace and satisfaction through thinking about the saints. This marked the beginning of my conversion and my spiritual discernments of spirits.

7. I left for Jerusalem, on the way I stopped by at a Town called Manresa, and stayed in a cave outside the town for 10 months, spending hours each day in prayer and encountering God, this allowed me to see all creation in a new light and find God in all things.
8. I continued studies for priesthood in Spain and France, and was roommates with Francis Xavier and Peter Faber, we influenced each other a lot.
9. I became a priest and when to Rome with my companions, Peter Faber and James Lainez to serve the Pope. Later on with the permission of the Pope, together we formed a new order as the Company of Jesus, or the Society of Jesus on 22 April 1541, and I was elected as the superior.
10. Since then I worked amongst the poor and in hospitals, the society grew in numbers all over the world, and we established Jesuit schools and universities all over Europe.
11. I died on 31 July 1556, and was canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622.

Quote for meditation: *“Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mould them accordingly”.*

----- Break -----

Small Group Activity:

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 in their life or any random thoughts for 1 minute. Suggested discussion questions:

Note: There is a separate attachment *“Crash course on Catholic Sainthood”* for your reference

1. **What is required for a person to be a saint?**
2. 1 min sainthood (Each person is given one minute to imagine themselves as a saint in the future, what will they be famous for, or what patron saint will they be.)
3. Reflections on the two videos
4. Based on the Poo game, is it important to become the ‘shape’ we were made to be? Why/why not?
5. What do you visualize when you think of a saint?
6. Why does the Catholic church recognise individuals as Saints?
7. Would you want to be a saint? Are you afraid of being one? Why?

Conclude

1. Song – Potter’s Hand
2. Prayer – Prayer of Surrender by St. Ignatius (refer to attachment2)

Attachment 1 – Potter’s Hand

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Attachment 2 - Prayer of Surrender by St. Ignatius

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