



Pope Francis: Catholic education must **engage** the culture

With regard to the second aspect, the Pope remarked that during his meeting with the Superior Generals last November, he had emphasised that education in our times “is guided by a changing generation, and that, therefore, every educator – and the Church as a whole is an educating mother – is required to change, in the sense of knowing how to communicate with the young”.

August 2014

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Our approach - 7th/8th Candidate Formation Program
 - Weekly get together – 75 minutes
 - Pflaum formal instruction – Units 1-8 / Visions Weekly
 - Reflection journal / Service hours
 - Social Justice Projects
 - Chasity workshop
 - Retreat
 - Group Lessons – 7 Life Lessons
- Making the case for 'Change
- 7 Life Lessons
- Positive feedback we've received

Making the case for Change

- Silent Prayer
- Video – [‘Engage Me’](#)
- 7 Life Lessons
 - Teach the Heart and the Brain will Follow
Teach the Brain and the Heart will grow Shallow
- Song – Home
 - Using song to begin to teach the relational concepts of religion

Our Approach

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Our Approach

- Main themes/messages
 - Meet the Candidates where they are
 - Nature videos – develop a sense of ‘awe’
 - Life is not about them – They are a part of life
 - Who is your neighbor?
 - What to rebel against – culture/system
 - Life is a mystery – Religion vs Science – requires special insight to understand
 - You’re going to have to ‘follow’ someone or some thing, What will your Decision Be....
 - Dealing with emotions anger(masculine) self-esteem(feminine)
 - New vice technology/internet
- Faith Sharing cards or Peer Story Telling
- 7 Life Lessons – 4 Group Sessions

Faith Sharing / Peer Story Telling

- “I helped my father get down the steps, to go on the field” -**Zach**
- “I helped my friend with basketball” –**Patrick**
- “I taught this kid on my basketball team about a new play, we learned.” –**Tony**
- “I helped my friend when she had family issues.” –**Meghan**
- “I helped open a friend’s locker” –
- “I helped my friend catch up in my literacy class” –**John**
- “I helped my friend’s little brother feel welcome” –**Katie**
- “I went to the mall with my friend and she didn’t have enough money yet, so I bought her the shoes she wanted” –**Becca**
- “I gave all my teachers chocolate bars for Valentine’s Day” –**Fred**
- “Helped my friend pick up his books” – **John**
- “I have a player on my basketball team a tip on how to play defense. It’s his first year playing” – **Tony**
- “I saw a little autistic girl in church who smiled at me and she came over at the end of mass and started talking to me, so I talked to her a little while after mass” –**Becca**
- “I lent money to my friend to get food” – **Fred**
- “Some kid got hit in the face with a hockey puck, so I got a band-aid” –**Zach**
- “I helped my friend research the abacus for REACH” –**Katie**
- “I did my sister’s chores for her” – **Vittoria**
- “I got back my friend’s speaker from a kid that stole it from him on the bus” -**Danny**

7 Life Lessons

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 - Group Session – 45 minutes
 - Leverages art/digital media – Pictures/video
 - Silence
 - Song – contemporary lyrics/music (interior/exterior)
 - Nature – funny videos
 - Reflective approach
 - To help Emerging Adults find/know Jesus/Spirit/God for themselves
 - Easy to Teach, Easy to Learn, Simple yet Powerful
 - Memorable, Lasting
 - Reachable to various levels of Belief (Inward, Horizontal, Vertical)
 - The more you teach them, the more they teach you 😊

Some feedback we've received

- “Thank you for being an awesome CCD teacher by guiding my closer to God. You made CCD extra special this year by showing us how to act like Christians, instead of teaching us on pen and paper. I am about to receive my Confirmation and I would not have been able to without your help” –**Fred**
- “Thank you so much for being a great CCD Teacher. I always tried to do good deeds during the week so I could write it on my index card. Thank You for preparing me for the rest of my life journey with God! 😊” –**Becca**

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Hi Brother Tony,

My name is Scott J, Emily's Dad, and unfortunately Emily's sponsor wasn't able to make it last night, but her lose was my gain! I really enjoyed the listening to what the kids are doing and it gave me a better ability to further the conversations Emily and I have; so I wanted to thank you for that and for all that you have done with and for the kids this year. It certainly seems like you connect well with the kids, which I know isn't always easy at that age! The other reason for reaching out was to ask you if you could forward the link to the Hallelujah video that you showed last night? I was really touched by it and I wanted to share it with my wife. Thanks in advance and keep up all the great work!

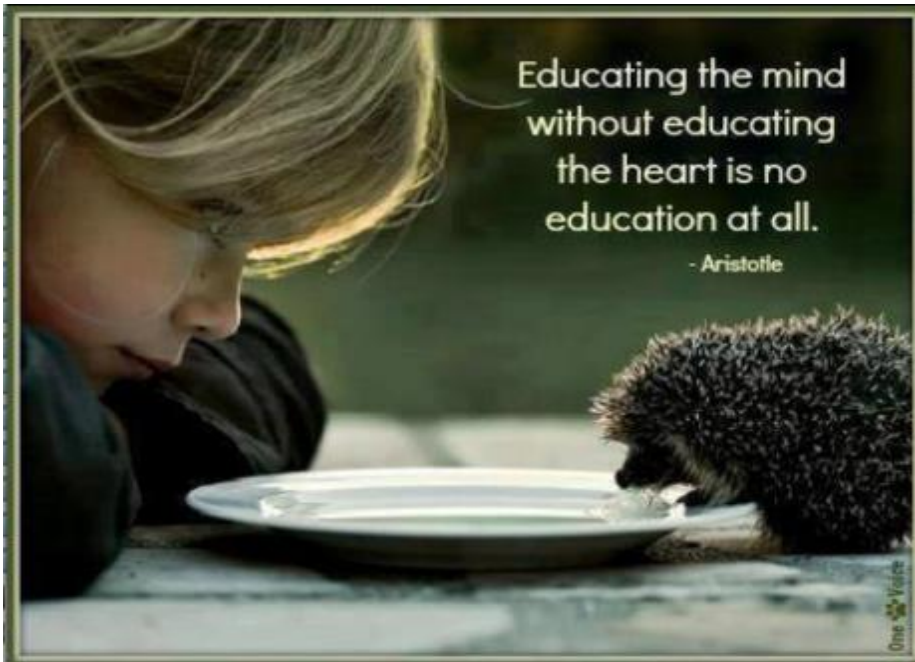
Best,

Scott R. J

President & CEO

Thank You

- Faith Sharing - Closing
- How do we stay connected?
 - Email-7lifelessons@embarqmail.com
 - [Facebook](#) – 7 Life Lessons Page



Silent Prayer

Be Still and Know that I AM GOD

Be Still and Know

Be Still

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Song - Home

**Hold on, to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave (wave) is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
Cause I'm gonna make this place your home**

**Settle down, it'll all be clear
Don't pay no mind to the demons
They fill you with fear
The trouble it might drag you down
You've get lost, you've can always be found**

**Just know you're not alone
Cause I'm gonna make this place your home**