

## **Mentoring Program**

Session Six:

Third Week

March 8, 2009

**Opening Prayer:** Would you Harbor Me? (include time for remembering those suffering)

**Sharing time:** Visit Jesus in His cell.(bring music), or some experience of Passion

### **Dynamic and place in Exercises**

After Second Week and Election

Carry election into 3<sup>rd</sup> week, in background

Transition—Resurrection of Lazarus John 12 (Party for Lazarus how is Jesus feeling?

Women pick up on heaviness.) Movement to Jerusalem — mystical journey

Moving from doing to being, movement toward union with Jesus even in suffering —

Third Degree of Humility

Begins with Last Supper

### **Graces of the Week**

Graces are received, not earned.

Sorrow (not sadness), compassion, confusion (not knowing what to do, how can God still love me?)

My contribution to the on-going passion of Christ (Mystical Body) — not guilt trip, an acknowledgement

Compassion — journeying with someone through suffering.

Let Jesus on the cross engage our eyes, what will we see? Love, compassion, mercy.

Pondering. To hold, carry and transform tension so as not to give it back in kind, because what we don't transform we will retransmit. Rohlheizer.

Mary at foot of cross.

### **Prayer**

Simple, flexible becoming more self-directed, modeling for them how to be present to Christ

Move from doing of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wk to Being

Sometimes difficult, familiar texts, dryness

Rules with Regards to Eating: Guidelines - looking at disordered relationship with food, other things

### **Content**

Journey from Bethany

Palm Sunday

Last Supper

Eucharist - 'greatest act of love'.

“The Last Supper and Eucharist, then, become the spring-source for our graced response of compassion throughout the contemplations of the passion.” Dave Fleming, sj, *Like the Lightning* p. 75-76  
Gives meaning to Passion — giving of oneself for the good of another, for the building of the kingdom.

#### Passion Story

Agony in the Garden continues dynamic of P&F and Baptism in Jordan, Temptation in Desert — Jesus becoming more aware of his mission being his authentic self  
Identify personal times of Agonies in the Garden

Stay in somber mood. Difficult: length of time. Spring.

#### **Pitfalls**

Not First Week material  
Getting caught up in MY sinfulness  
Jesus suffered, not acting  
Guide away from particulars  
Not co-dependent suffering  
Not about guilt  
Not suffering for sake of suffering

#### **Meaning of Suffering in Third Week**

Transformative (pondering, cycle of violence)  
Answer to Job — choice to go to I-ness  
Suffering for Kingdom  
Cosmic Christ — both victim and perpetrator  
Revelation of the Father  
Blending of our personal suffering, the on-going passion of the Body of Christ, and Christ's passion.

#### **Fruits**

Transformational Suffering  
Unitive  
Confirmation in suffering

Give until it hurts,  
because real love hurts.

#### **Mother Teresa**