

## THE IDEAL TEACHER

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### A. What he is:

1. A practising Christian:  
he has an interior life and he radiates it.
2. Devoted, ready to serve:
  - his spirit of service
  - his generosity
  - his sense of solidarity
3. Fairness
  - by his honesty
  - his loyalty
  - his serious approach

### B. How he is perceived:

4. Esteemed: because of
  - his competence
  - his even temper
  - his patience
  - his devotedness
5. He has authority because of:
  - his strength of character
  - his competence
  - his objectivity
  - his self-control
6. He is efficient because of:
  - his good methods
  - his accurate assessments
  - his good organisation
  - his personal commitment

### C. He has the required qualifications

### D. If possible, he is experienced

### E. He can work as part of a team.

## A FEW THOUGHTS...

- A school is full of bustle because it's alive
- Goodness is catching
- Pray for your pupils and you'll see them in a different light
- My favourites are the ugliest and the worst off
- "It's only with the heart that you can see properly: the eyes do not see the depths of a being".  
(St Exupery)
- If you're firm you keep them on an even keel
- A smile, a flash of humour is a ray of sunshine in a class
- If the limitations of the pupils irritate you, it's because they jar against yours.
- Forgive but don't forget
- If your home life is serene and full of tenderness, you will be radiant in class
- Be very close to them, but never their accomplice
- To awaken curiosity is already to teach them
- Demand a lot, but reasonably
- A well-prepared lesson is (almost) always a successful one
- A teacher on his own is not effective: a team achieves success
- Success breeds success, failure breeds failure
- "It's the time you wasted on your rose that makes your rose so important" (St Exupery)
- He was a terrific teacher.  
He was always prepared to listen to us.
- I prayed: "Lord, enable me to understand them, love them, help them and respect them"...  
There's still so much to be done
- Parents are our most important partners
- When you really work together you forget that there are people in charge, but responsibilities remain
- An educator constantly educates himself
- To love means to wish others to be free to trust them to lead them to God
- Be a witness rather than a teacher
- The salary is (pretty) rotten, but it's the best profession in the world.

## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Jean Guy Ray, s.c.

TRY IT...YOU'LL SEE!

- 1. Friendliness:**  
Try to smile and say "Hello" to all the young people you meet. In this way you'll give an opening for conversation and friendship. Spread happiness and young people will flock to you.
- 2. Respect:**  
Try to be suspicious of ready-made theories about young people. You'll discover their good points. Above all, never say anything you wouldn't dare put in writing or sign.
- 3. Openness:**  
Try to give all young people a chance to say what they think. You'll discover what makes them tick and what their dreams are.
- 4. Trust:**  
Try to become interested in the young people you come into contact with. Trust them, encourage them, give them responsibilities. You'll grow in stature in their eyes and become their friend.
- 5. Life:**  
Try to take the time to think first of "being" and then of "having", of the young person and then of the plan, of the student and then of the subject matter. In this way you'll increase life around you.
- 6. Honesty:**  
Try to be honest when dealing with young people. In this way you'll create stronger bonds. Always be straight with them. Admit your mistakes straightforwardly and stress the good points of young people.
- 7. Understanding:**  
Try to understand young people before passing judgment on them. You'll see, they're more marvellous than you think.
- 8. Interest:**  
Try not to ignore what young people say to you. Take the time to listen to them and use their language to put yourself on their wavelength.
- 9. Friendship:**  
Try to meet young people in places where they gather, and to fit in with them. Little by little, they'll start talking about themselves and you'll become someone they confide in. All the same, always be yourself.
- 10. Love:**  
Try to remember the Christian name of the young people you meet. In this way you'll show that young people are important in your eyes and that you love them.