

A Daily Offering of Self (2)

A PRAYER MEDITATION FROM *AMBASSADORS OF JESUS CHRIST*

“Since you are entrusted with the instruction of others, you should endeavor to become competent in the art of speaking to God, about God, and for God; but rest assured that you will never be able to speak to your students in such a way as to win them to God, until you yourself have learned to speak to God and about God.” (Meditation No. 64.2)

FIRST MOVEMENT

1. Pause for a few minutes to quiet yourself and to remember that God is, even in this very moment, present to you ...

- in the word of God
- in you by God’s grace at work in your life
- in the chapel as God’s dwelling place
- in the young and the poor

2. Ask for the graces necessary to understand better what God’s will is for you and that you might give yourself wholeheartedly to a more conscious accomplishment of this will ... to God’s plan.

“I adore in all things the will of God in my regard.” (John Baptist de La Salle, 1719)

SECOND MOVEMENT

3. Contemplate the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in the World

Read today’s Gospel a few times slowly. What word or words especially catch your attention? Listen to what is being said. Watch what happens. Try to become part of the mystery. Lovingly contemplate Jesus and your relationship with him.

4. Reflect on the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in Your Own Life

Does today’s Gospel have any relevance to your ministry?

What role does Jesus have in your life? How does his presence in your life affect your students?

How does this text invite you to be more faithful to the ministry of the human and Christian education of youth?

How do you try to share the message of this Gospel with those with whom you live and work ... with those who have been entrusted to your care?

THIRD MOVEMENT

5. Resolve to Be More Open to the Spirit Who Works in and Through You Today

If you chose to allow this Scripture to come alive in you now, what would have to change in your life? What are the obstacles to this change?

Take a few minutes to express your gratitude for the goodness of God in having chosen and sent you as his envoy among the young.

This prayer meditation is an excerpt from *Ambassadors of Jesus Christ: Prayer Meditations for Christian Educators* (1995) by Brother William Mann, FSC, Brother Henry Dissanayke, FSC, and Brother Isaias Tzegay, FSC. This book contains 35 meditations that invite one to enter into the three movements of Saint John Baptist de La Salle's *Method of Interior Prayer*.