

Go Deeper

Disciple/Mentor Conversation #1: *Key People*

For the mentor: *Being a mentor is like being a bridge for the disciple. You are not an “expert” but the disciple has chosen you because they see you as a person of faith. Be open and generous in listening and sharing with the disciple. If you don’t know the disciple well, take some time getting to know about their interests, family, values, etc... Listening is as important as speaking. Trust that the Holy Spirit has brought you together and will bring good fruit from your relationship.*

For the disciple: *Being a disciple means constantly seeking to deepen your relationship with Jesus. One of the ways we do that is through sharing our faith with other disciples. Your mentor is a person of faith who is trying to follow Jesus, just like you. In this initial meeting, be generous and open in your faith conversation. Allow the relationship to develop. Trust that the Holy Spirit has brought you together and will bring good fruit from your relationship.*

Opening Prayer (led by the mentor):

We pray, Lord, for those who formed us in our faith.

We pray for our families who first spoke your name to us and shared our journey of faith from the beginning.

We pray for all our friends who shared their faith and continue to walk with us in our journey.

We pray for our teachers, priests, deacons, youth ministers, and other members of our church who took the time to recognize us as individuals and who showed us that faith can be both fun and challenging.

Thank you, God, for sending these people into our lives and for their gifts of faith, love, and patience. May we honor them by sharing our faith with a new generation of believers.

We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Catholic Youth Bible (CYB) 2 Tim. 3:12-14 “Pray It!”

Faith Conversation (Share on the following, the mentor should share first):

1. Have you ever moved to a new place, a new parish, a new job, a new neighborhood, a new city?
2. Was there someone special who welcomed you?
3. Describe your experience and how it felt.

Bringing Scripture into the Conversation

Invite the Holy Spirit to open your heart to the Word of God and read John 1:35-42

Andrew serves as a bridge between Jesus and Peter.

1. Who first introduced you to Jesus? What is your first memory of God or church?
2. Who are the people who have helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus?
3. Have you helped someone else come to know Jesus? If so, describe the situation.

Praying Together

1. Name any people, needs, or concerns that you would like to pray for.
2. Conclude your Conversation by praying the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be together.

For Further Reflection and Discussion

- Talk about the disciple's saint's name project. What saint have they chosen? Why did they choose them? If they haven't chosen a saint yet, talk about your own favorite saint. Who have you looked to in the communion of saints for guidance?
- Have you ever had a mentor at school or at work. What was that like? How was the mentor helpful to you?
- Describe a time when you really felt listened to by another person. What was the experience like? Discuss ways to become a better listener.
- Discuss the role of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in your faith journey. Has she been important for you? Why or why not? (See Youcat #148-149)
- Go online to: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/> and explore. Check out the saints who hve feast days on days that are important to you (e.g. your birthday) or who share common interests (e.g. sports, animals, your profession (or anticipated profession)). Discuss what you find out or do it together.

Youcat #146 What does the "Communion of saints" mean?

The "communion of saints" is made up of all men [and women] who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive. Because in Christ we are one Body we live in a communion that encompasses heaven and earth.

The Church is larger and more alive than we think. Among her members are the living and the deceased (whether they are still undergoing a process of purification or are already in the glory of God), individuals known and unknown, great saints and inconspicuous persons. We can help one another even beyond the grave. We can call on our patrons and favorite saints, but also our departed relatives and friends whom we believe are already with God. Conversely, by our intercessory prayer, we can come to the aid of our dear departed who are still undergoing purification. Whatever the individual does or suffers in and for Christ benefits all. Conversely, this unfortunately means also that every sin harms the communion.

"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." 1 Cor. 12:26

Date of meeting: _____ Mentor: _____

Disciple: _____