

## Concepts for a Eucharistic Life

### Showing God's Love



## TARGET AUDIENCE

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### Overview

This Object provides the students with nine concepts for living a Eucharistic life.

The multimedia element of this Object represents the nine concepts visually. Rolling over the tile reveals the concept; clicking on each of the tiles enlarges the images and presents further information.

### Teacher Background

Teachers are encouraged to review the 'Living a Eucharistic Life' section of the DVD Rom *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* to deepen their understanding of: the call to 'go forth' and live the mission of the Gospel in our daily lives; how we are called to live our Catholic and Christian faith; and the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives.

In particular, the following aspects of *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ* provide entry points and context for this Learning Object:

- Within the pathway 'Dismissal for Mission', watch the video 'What We Pray and Believe Shapes How We Live'.

*Where appropriate, use this material with the students.*

### Supporting Content

*This text supports the focus of the multimedia element.*

#### Loving others

After hearing stories of how Jesus showed love to others, we leave Mass and try to show God's love to everyone we meet. It is easy to show love to the people who are nice to us, but it is very hard to be nice to the people who we find hard to love. This is exactly what Jesus asks us to do.

#### Always doing your best

We are created in God's image. Always use your gifts and talents to help others.

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#### Supporting Content

##### **Looking after God's creation**

God has made so many beautiful things for us that we need to make sure we look after them. Just as God wants us to look after the people He created, He wants us to look after the animals, plants and other things that He made for us.

##### **Helping someone**

Through his life, Jesus was always aware of people who needed his help. We too, need to always be ready to help others.

##### **Caring for people who are in need**

Jesus taught us to care for others who have less than we do. We can do this through prayer and also through helping to raise money through Catholic initiatives such as Project Compassion.

##### **Sharing with others**

Another way of showing God's love to others is by sharing. There were many times when Jesus shared with others.

##### **Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord**

At the end of each celebration of the Mass the Priest sends us out into the world to take what we have learned through the readings and prayers and live like Jesus and show God's love to people in our daily lives.

##### **Showing kindness**

We can show kindness to other people, especially people who others are not kind to.

##### **Do what is right**

Even when it was really hard, Jesus always did his best to do what he knew God wanted. He often prayed to God to give him the strength he needed to do what was right.

#### **For Reflection and Discussion: Ideas for Use**

*Select one or more of the following activities for students to complete.*

1 **Choose one of the concepts and have it for your focus for one week.**

In groups or as a class, brainstorm how you can live in this way. You could put each idea on a paper leaf and stick it on the wall to create a paper tree.

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#### For Reflection and Discussion: Ideas for Use

- 2 **Invite students to find or draw pictures to complete this task.**  
Choose 10 pictures of different people behaving as Jesus wants us to and sort them based on the concepts described above.
- 3 **Invite students to write prayers about each of these concepts. They could work individually or in groups. The prayers could be displayed then collated into a book.**
- 4 **Discuss some of the following with the class:**
  - There are many ways we can show God's love to people in our lives. Can you name some?
  - How can you show kindness to the people in your life? Think of some times when people have been kind to you. How did you feel?
  - Can you remember a time when you were glad that someone gave you another chance? How did you feel? How should you act to other people then?
  - Think about the people you know who are hard to love. How can you show them love?
  - Can you think of someone in your life that needs your help? They might need to be cheered up or they might be having trouble with their school work.
  - Remember when Jesus fed the people who had come to hear him teach with some loaves and fishes? How can you be like Jesus and share with others?
  - When has it been hard for you to do as God wants? When have you prayed to God to help you to do your best?
  - How do you help to look after God's creation?
  - Can you continue what Jesus taught us and pray for people who have less than you do?
  - Can you think of any other ways that you can 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord'?

#### Teacher Professional Development Resources

Zenit New Agency, ['Cardinal: Eucharist Should Change our Daily Life'](#), 2008