

2020: SEEING THE DEVIL CLEARLY

PART II: PARTICIPANT HANDOUT

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION

Chapter I: Names and Works of the Evil One: *Father Guckin states that the names of the Evil One have meaning as they signify his work and its effects. Choose one name and explain your choice through a concrete example. (Devil- to tear apart; to scatter; Satan- the accuser; The Father of Lies; The murderer from the beginning; Lucifer- the Star of the morning)*

Chapter II: The Devil and the New Testament

The Bible gives clear evidence for the work of the devil. In your opinion, do you think most people believe in the devil? Do you? Explain.

Chapter III: The Temptations of Christ and Our Temptations

Using the Gospel story of the three temptations of Christ, Father Guckin explains “the Devil’s strategy” for temptations as relentless, subtle, attacks on our identity, uses the truth, attacks our senses, encourages us to serve ourselves, uses our gifts against us, convinces us our lives are about us. As a teacher of the faith, which of these strategies do you think most affect children today?

Chapter IV: Defining Evil and the Existence of Hell

If someone claims to be a follower of Jesus Christ, why must he/ she also accept the belief in the devil, the existence of evil & hell?

Chapter V: Roundtable Panel Discussion

Deacon Coyne offers a business metaphor when it comes to the evil: What’s the problem or Name it (call it what it is) and figure out the solution/antidote. He names “life of virtue” as the antidote for evil. What does he mean?

Chapter VI: Roundtable Panel Discussion

It was mentioned in the video: Guilt is to the soul, what pain is to the body. Keeping in mind the age group which you teach, how would you explain this thought as a sign from God for the good of their spiritual life?

Chapter VII: Roundtable Panel Discussion

Catechesis is preparing our students for a lifetime of faith by giving them a tool kit for a virtuous life. (Scripture, sacraments, good habits, good relationships) of joy, hope and peace. Dennis states that it is critical for catechists and teachers to present the truths of the Catholic faith “unapologetically” in order to lead them to a life of joy, hope and peace. What does he mean?

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

- *How does Satan gain entrance into our hearts?*
- *What proof is there that we are living for Christ?*
- *In addition to the Sacraments, what tools exist to help us win the spiritual battle?*

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."