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Optional Activities

Praying for God's Reign

(For use with page 57)

Invite a young person (who has prepared in advance) to proclaim Matthew 6:31–34 as a reflection on valuing the Reign of God above all things.

Observe a few minutes of silence following the reading. Then pray together the Our Father.

Disciples of Jesus

(For use with page 58)

Invite the young people to look up in the *Good News Bible* the following passages, which tell about these early disciples of Jesus:

- Stephen Acts 6:5–8:3
- Barnabas Acts 11:22–26
- Phoebe Romans 16:1–2
- Priscilla and Aquila Romans 16:3–5

Acting Out Jesus Dialogues

(For use with page 58)

Have the young people form the four groups described under “The Values of Jesus” on page 58:

- the poor
- farmers, craftspersons, traders, and shopkeepers
- victims of discrimination
- close disciples

Have one person in each group portray Jesus. Challenge the young people in each group to make up possible dialogues with Jesus. (What would He have said to them about the world He envisioned? How would they have responded? What questions might they ask Him?) Then have each group act out the dialogue while the others serve as an audience.

Honoring Christian Citizens

(For use with pages 58–59)

Ask volunteers to do research in the parish or public library on the persons listed below to find out how they proved themselves as good Christians and good citizens. Each researcher should prepare a brief oral or written report. (A third possibility would be to paint or draw a portrait of the person and create a border of descriptive words about him or her.)

- Sojourner Truth
- Father Robert Drinan
- Monsignor George Higgins
- Dorothy Day
- Sister Antonia Brenner
- Cesar Chavez
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Christa McAuliffe

Praying to Modern Martyrs

(For use with page 61)

Have a committee of volunteers create a litany to the following modern martyrs (and any others they may know about):

- Archbishop Oscar Romero
- Franz Jaegerstaetter
- Jean Donovan, Maura Clark, Dorothy Kazel, and Ita Ford
- Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- All the unknown catechists, religious, and lay ministers of Latin America who have been murdered because they followed Christ faithfully. (Names can be found in copies of *Maryknoll Magazine*.)

Sing or play “Happy Are They Who Believe,” by David Haas (from the album *As Water to the Thirsty*, GIA).

Living Gospel Values

(For use with page 62)

Explain to the group that to live Gospel values means exactly that: We must put values into practice every day if we are to follow in the way of Jesus. Ask the young people to consider which Gospel value is needed in their lives. Allow them time to think and pray before writing in their journals a conclusion to each of the following:

- One Gospel value I really want to develop is _____.
- To begin the process now I will _____.
- I will seek and accept help from _____.

As the young people work, quietly play the recording “Glory to Thee,” by John Michael Talbot.