

Homily Hints

We Live Our Faith

The Big Question:

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Chapter Goals:

1. to acknowledge the many Catholics who worked for the rights and dignity of people between 1814 and 1914
2. to cherish the selfless spirit of those who dedicated themselves to sharing the Gospel of Christ
3. to help the Church to reach out to the poor and oppressed in today’s world.

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This complicated chapter, and its Big Question lends itself to a very simple beginning focus: we learn by doing. The language and culture of young people is experiential; it is “in the doing of the thing.” Call to mind Nike’s popular advertising slogan: “Just do it!”

The past example of those who dedicated themselves in building up the Church in the United States sets an “example of doing” that today’s young people can relate to and be challenged by. For young people, to work for the rights and dignity of people today is a right given by God to all his children.

Consider a discussion of the Church’s ongoing mission to reach out to people living on the margins in our society. The youth could be challenged to take on a social justice project either as individuals or as a group that has as its inspiration one of the individuals given as an example in this chapter.

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