

Lesson 1: My Founder, My Model

Our school founder models for us a life of service to others.

The life of the school founder offers a rich resource in understanding life lived in faith that is manifested in service to others. The school founder is a model in living out the values of the schools....and for Catholics – faith in God through Jesus. Every Catholic school continues the legacy of their founder and empowers students to imitate him/her good deeds and way of life as members of the school.

My Founder, My Model is a lesson that guides students to a deeper knowledge of their school founder. By mapping out his/her journey in detail, students get to learn more about his/her origin and the places where he/she was assigned to minister to the people in need. They will also see the founder more as a human person who did great things because of his convictions and values in life.

Lesson 2: Small Things Make a Big Difference

Each of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

All of us need to live in harmony with each other in order to flourish. Each of us can do something that can make a difference in another person's life; develop the power to think beyond ourselves and create the desire to help others in daily life. Every good deed, no matter how small, can make a big difference.

As William Penn once said, "I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being. Let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

Small Things Make a Big Difference pushes the students a little bit more in thinking and reflecting about living a fuller life.

Lesson 3: Out of Many, One

Values are meant to unite us as a community with a common vision & mission. They are meant to help us flourish in life.

Strength in values has always been the hallmark of a Catholic/mission school. These values are adopted from the lifestyle and works of the school founder whose life of service follows that of Jesus. The present demands, pressures and influences of today's life make it more challenging for us to choose and commit to living out our values authentically. We need to rediscover the values that we hold dear for ourselves, our family and community.

Out of Many, One is a lesson that gives the students the opportunity to talk more about the meaning and importance of the values they hold dear. They will also talk about the values of their school and find ways to strengthen their practice of these values in daily life.