

The Art of Discipleship
Christ the Teacher Schools
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Art used in the presentation

Caravaggio *The Conversion of St. Paul* ~1600-1601 Basilica di Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome Acts 9: 1-8

Caravaggio *The Calling of St. Matthew* ~1600 Chiesa di San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome Matthew 9:9

Yongsung Kim *The Hand of God*

Rembrandt *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee* ~1633 Isabel Gardner Museum, Boston* Mark 4: 35-41

Monastery Icons *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Auguste Rodin *Cathedral* 1909 Rodin Museum, Paris (and other locations)

Jan Vermeer *Christ in the House of Martha and Mary* ~1654 National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh Luke 10: 38-42

Vincent van Gogh *Starry Night* 1889 Museum of Modern Art, New York City Matthew 25:19

Rose Window, North Transept Notre Dame Cathedral (photo L. Miller 2004)

Christi Belcourt, *The Wisdom of the Universe* Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Rembrandt *The Return of the Prodigal Son* ~1669 Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg
Luke 15

Paul Renoir *On Leaving the Conservatory* Barnes Collection, Philadelphia

Quotes

To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance. — Jean Vanier

Beauty will save the world. — Fyodr Dostoevsky

What is capable of restoring enthusiasm and confidence, what can encourage the human spirit to rediscover its path, to raise its eyes to the horizon, to dream of a life worthy of its vocation – if not beauty – Pope Benedict

Every form of catechesis would do well to attend to the “way of beauty” ... Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendour and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.
– Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* #167

When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth. – **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

Prayer is a meeting which nourishes our hearts. It is presence and communion. The secret of our being is in this kiss of God by which we know we are loved and forgiven. In our deepest selves, below the levels of action and understanding, there is a vulnerable heart, a child who loves but is afraid to love. Silent prayer nourishes this deep place. — Jean Vanier, *Community and Growth*

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching, — St. **Francis of Assisi**

[People today] listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. — St. Paul VI

When you thought I wasn't looking

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I heard you say a prayer,
and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I felt you kiss me goodnight,
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt,
but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you cared,
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked....
and I wanted to say thanks for all the things
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

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Everything is full of sacramental substance, everything. Each thing and each function is ever ready to light up into a sacrament. — Martin Buber

A Commuter Camino

Bless the eyes of the subway rider.

Bless his sadness, bring comfort.

Bless her joyful twinkle, smile with her.

Bless the bored eyes, send your Easter light.

Bless the furrowed indignation at yet another bad news story.

Bless the dreams behind the sleepiness.

Bless the apprehension of the grey haired lady on her way to yet another doctor's office.

Bless the hope of the young man looking at his revision notes one last time.

Bless the warm, darting eyes of the mother reading to her daughter.

Bless those anxious eyes, bring peace to our storm tossed souls

as we course under these streets.

May your spirit flow with us and around us.

All of us on this journey.

Awaken us and transform us

to let this be a little pilgrimage, a commuters' Camino.

— Les Miller, *Northern Light* (in preparation for publication)

Outline of Presentation: The Art of Discipleship

Discipleship

Art, Beauty and Discipleship

The Importance of Beauty

Discipleship

- Conversion + St. Paul
- Vocation + St. Matthew
- Peacemaking + St. Peter
- Blessing + St. Therese of Lisieux
- Integrity + Sts. Mary & Martha
- Witness + St. Francis

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Beauty Nurtures the Soul of the Educator: Visio Divina

What is Visio Divina?

How did Visio Divina Begin?

Visio Divina as a Spiritual Practice

Visio Divina and Sacramentality

Visio Divina of:

- Sacred Art
- Your Church
- Secular Art
- Creation
- Visual Media
- Everyday Life
- Education