

Spirituality of Covenant

Facilitator's Guide

Half-day morning session

- ❖ Introduction- These are the points to make:
 1. It was a goal of the XX General Assembly to provide an ongoing formation opportunity for the members and associates to be articulate in the language of our spirituality. Today we are going to develop our understanding of the symbol of Covenant and we will explore ways to articulate and share our spirituality with others.
 2. We want our time to be a prayerful sharing of our spirituality. (You can share the schedule of the session with everyone.) Note- The session outline that we sent can be modified to your particular setting.
 3. It may be a half or a full day session, as determined by the leadership team of the unit. The Morning session is to facilitate sharing on a personal level. The Afternoon session is integrating our spirituality into our preaching.

- ❖ You will need to prepare copies of the Morning Prayer. Use the Morning Prayer for the Feast of the Precious Blood (Approved for the Congregation).
 - [If the half-day session is in the afternoon, then start with the introduction and end with Evening Prayer.]

- ❖ Bring the Scripture reading with you -Exodus 24:3-8 (Mosaic Covenant) and ask for a volunteer to do the reading and Scripture

- ❖ Read aloud the Reflection offered by Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S.

- ❖ Introduce a time of personal reflection and determine the time available for this reflection. Share the two reflection questions and tell the participants that when we come back together we will share our reflections in the group. This gives us an opportunity to learn from others and gives everyone a chance to articulate our spirituality.

- ❖ For the sharing in group, if space permits have the group sit in a circle so that they can make eye contact. Introduce each question and invite the sharing. No note taking or reporting is necessary.

If you are leading a full day session, then in the morning do as described above.

Afternoon Session- Group work

- ❖ Describe the activity: We will continue to reflect on the spirituality of the covenant. We will use the Feast of the Precious Blood gospel passage and share in an exercise of homily preparation for preaching on the Feast of the Precious Blood.

- ❖ Bring the Scripture - Luke 22:14-20 (Eucharist narrative) and ask for a volunteer to read
- ❖ Introduce the time for private reflection
 - In one sentence tell us: What is the good news found in this passage?
 - In one sentence tell us: What is the challenge found in this passage?
 - How can my preaching on this passage reflect Precious Blood Spirituality?
- ❖ Share together in one group or small groups-
 - In your parish or ministerial setting, how would you preach about covenant as part of a Precious Blood Feast Day mass?
- ❖ Prepare and bring copies of Evening Prayer. Use the Evening Prayer for the Feast Day or celebrate the mass of the Feast of the Precious Blood.