**Easy Suggestions for Faith Permeation**

**CALENDARS**

* On your classroom wall calendar
  + Liturgical Seasons (e.g. indicate Sundays of Advent, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time)
  + Feast days (e.g. The Annunciation, March 25), Holy Days of Obligation
  + Saint of the Day (e.g. Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29)
  + Culturally significant feast days – great for Social Studies! (e.g. St. Patrick’s Day, March 17; St. Jean Baptiste Day [called *“la fête nationale”* in Québec] June 24)
* Ask the SRC to put feast days on the big calendar in the hallway
* Sites for calendar information:
  + The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has a liturgical calendar on their website with helpful information: <http://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/liturgical-calendar>
  + [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org) has a very thorough calendar for feast days (each one hyperlinked to information/synopsis of the day!), as well as overview and highlights for each month, prayers, activities, etc. (look under drop down menu “liturgical year” for a monthly calendar or a monthly overview
  + [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org) has calendars with Saints of the Day: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/sod-calendar/>

**DAILY PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS**

* Begin each class/period of the day with prayer!
  + What would I pray for in…
    - History/Social Studies? Pray for specific countries involved in conflicts; pray for politicians, governments, civic leaders; pray for fruitful negotiations to end conflicts, etc.
    - Science? Pray for the discovery of a cure for a specific disease; pray for a vaccine against Ebola; pray for ethical research practices; pray for breakthroughs in scientific research, etc.
    - Math? Pray for those who have limited access to resources (that we might better divide and share what we have); pray for countries or people with unmanageable debt loads (e.g. those parents in Third World Countries forced to sell their children into slavery because of unpaid debts), etc.
    - Phys Ed? Pray for those who have been injured; pray for strength to show good sportsmanship; pray that international sporting events might bring countries and cultures together.
  + Ask for intentions/petitions from the students
  + Students can compose their own prayers (fits especially well in Language Arts!)
* Loyola Press’s “Three Minute Retreat” is a great way to start a class. There’s a new one every day, complete with Bible passage and contemplation questions. <http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>

**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES OR BIBLE PASSAGES**

* Post a quote of the day/week
  + *Common English Bible (CEB), Contemporary English Version (CEV), and Good News Translation (GNT)* are popular versions with adolescents; the *New Revised Standard* *Version* *(NRSV)* is the translation officially used by the Catholic Church in Canada
  + <https://www.biblegateway.com/newsletters/> (scroll down the page to find the spot to subscribe) Sign up for a bible verse that is sent to your inbox every day, in whatever bible translation you prefer.
  + <http://biblegateway.com/> also has a keyword search feature
  + <http://lightfortheday.com/> has a bible verse and a calendar style picture that can be put up on your smartboard as students enter the room.
  + <http://biblehub.com/concordance/> has a keyword search feature
  + iHope is a free app for iPhone with daily quotes and inspirational messages
  + Google “Christian Inspirational Quotes” and search the images that come up – perfect for use on smartboards as students come in for the day (many can also be printed off and used as posters!)

**PATRON SAINTS**

* Choose a patron saint for your classroom or subject area (for example, St. Genesius is the patron saint of actors; St. Luke is the patron saint of artists; St. Albert the Great is the patron saint of scientists)
* Post pictures of your patron saint, or a prayer asking for your patron’s intercession (just Google “prayers to St. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” and you’ll find one!)
* Need to find a patron saint, or find out what causes are ascribed to a particular saint?

Look here: <http://www.thesacredheart.com/saintopi.htm>

or here <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.aspx>

or here <http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

**PRAYER CORNER OR SACRED SPACE**

* Create a dedicated spot in your room
* What goes in it? Some suggestions:
  + Table cover (cloth, dollar store plastic tablecloth, paper, etc.) in the colour of the liturgical season (Purple for Advent and Lent, Green for Ordinary Time, White for Easter, Red for Pentecost, etc.)
  + Rosary, Crucifix
  + Icons or pictures of your class’s patron saint
  + Picture or statue of the Holy Family
  + Bible
  + Candles (including Advent Wreath)

**TEACHING**

* Link Catholic Church teaching to subjects or literature you may be studying in class
  + e.g. which commandments are upheld or broken in the novel or current events?
    - Ten Commandments <http://www.loyolapress.com/the-ten-commandments.htm>
    - The Seven Deadly Sins <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/the-seven-deadly-sins-of-the-catholic-church.html>
    - The Seven Cardinal Virtues <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/cardinal-virtues-of-the-catholic-church.html>
    - Fruits of the Holy Spirit <http://www.loyolapress.com/fruits-of-the-holy-spirit.htm>
    - Gifts of the Holy Spirit <http://www.loyolapress.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit.htm>

**FIND REASONS TO CELEBRATE!**

* Celebrate the feast day of your class’s patron saint! Have a party! Bring treats! (Why not a parade on the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians?!)
* “Bethlehem” means “house of bread” – why not have a bannock/bread day in the school? (Last long 360 of January, just before exams?)
* We’re really good at celebrating Christmas, but what about Easter? Have a class potluck!