



Friendship with Christ

A reflective activity based upon the address of Pope Francis at the welcoming ceremony of WYD 2013 in Rio and the example of St. Josephine Bakhita.

This sheet accompanies the powerpoint. It is envisaged that the powerpoint will facilitate times of personal reflection and group sharing.

Slide 1: With this opening slide the theme of friendship with Christ can be explained.

Slide 2: This slide contains Pope Francis' three questions to the young people gathered on Copacabana beach for the welcoming ceremony of WYD. It is suggested that these questions are posed to the youth group and a short time given for them to think about them.

Slide 3: This slide introduces St Josephine Bakita, an example of someone who responded positively to all the three questions that St Francis posed (she was a disciple of Christ, a friend of Christ and a witness to the Gospel).

Slide 4: This slide contains a summary of the life of St Josephine Bakita, as well as a link to a 3 minute video about St Josephine. As this you-tube link may have a short advertisement video-clip shown before the film begins, it is advisable to have the web-page with this video ready to play (without the advert) beforehand.

Further information about St Josephine Bakita is available at:

http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_20001001_giuseppina-bakhita_en.html

Slide 5: This slide concludes the time of reflection on the life of St Josephine.

Slide 6: At this point, the young people are invited to think about whether there are any obstacles in their friendship with Christ. Depending on the group, this could simply be a moment of silence for personal reflection, or they may be invited to say a silent prayer for the resolving of these obstacles. This time of silence could be followed by a symbolic gesture such as each one lighting a candle or an appropriate hymn could be sung.

Slides 7,8,9: These slides contain a final exhortation from Pope Francis.

The session could then be concluded with a prayer said together or a hymn.