

Lectio & Visio Divina

USING ART & SCRIPTURE FOR PRAYER

Evangelizing Catechesis

We must evangelize before we catechize

Facilitate encounter

Share the Gospel message (kerygma)



Lectio Divina

Divine Reading

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Lectio Divina is an opportunity to slow down and experience God's Word deeply. An opportunity to savor the words of Scripture, to sit at God's table, to be nourished, fed and refreshed. An invitation to be fully present with our holy God.

— Cindee Snider Re, Finding Purpose: Rediscovering Meaning in a Life with Chronic Illness

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Lectio
(Read)

Meditatio
(Meditate)

Oratio
(Pray)

Contemplatio
(Contemplate)



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Matthew 7:21-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
Psalm 56:3 – “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”
Psalm 136:1 – “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.”
Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”
Matthew 5:14 – “You are the light of the world.”
Matthew 22:39 – “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
Luke 6:31 – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16 – “Rejoice always.”
1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray without ceasing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances.”
2 Timothy 1:7 – “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love.”
Hebrews 13:8 – “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
James 1:17 – “Every good and perfect gift is from above.”
1 John 4:19 – “We love because he first loved us.”
Psalm 118:24 – “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Matthew 28:20 – “I am with you always.”
1 John 5:3 – “This is love for God: to keep his commands.”
John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.”
John 10:11 – “I am the good shepherd.”
Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 12:12 – “Be joyful in hope, patient in trouble, faithful in prayer.”
1 Corinthians 10:31 – “Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”
Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind and compassionate to one another.”
Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”



(Divine Seeing)



Divina

Via Pulchritudinis

The Way of Beauty

St. John Paul II, in his Letter to Artists, said that the Church needs art in order to communicate Christ. “Art must make perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God.”



Via Pulchritudinis The Way of Beauty





“The Calling of Saint Matthew”

Adoration of the Christ Child

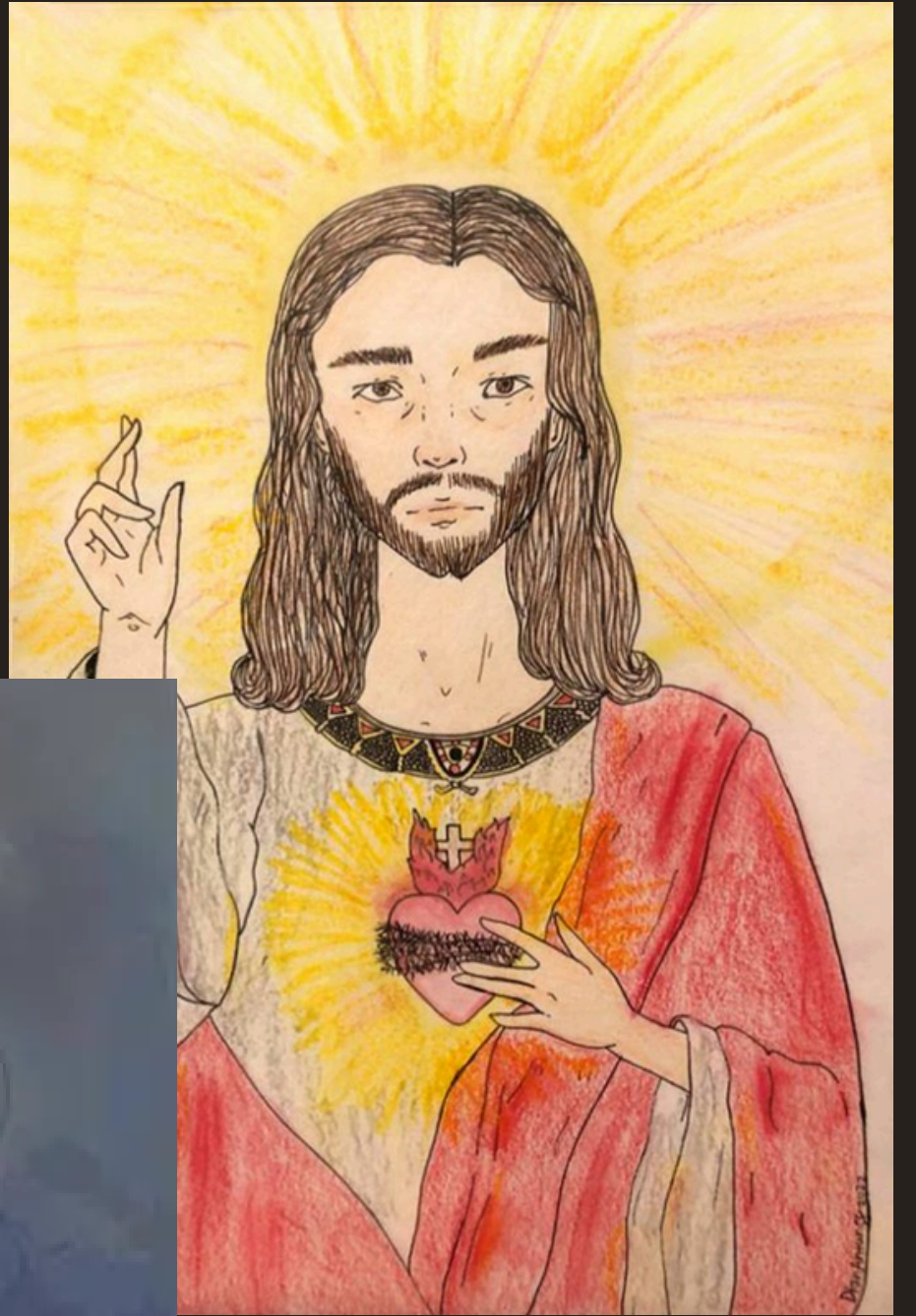
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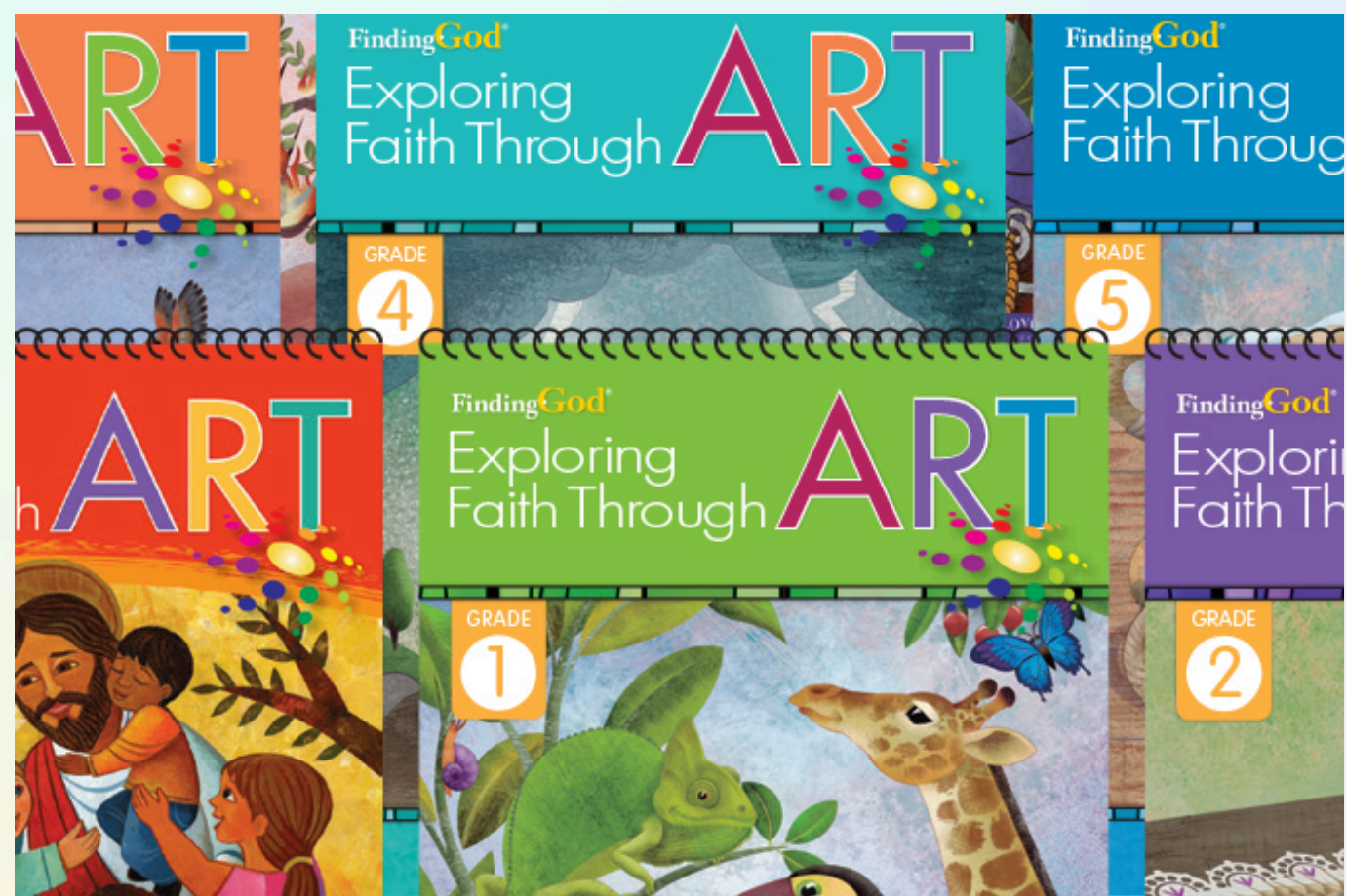


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Here is a *lectio divina* lesson plan on “The Desire for God” as found in the *Catechism* (CCC, 27):

- **Lectio:** Read one of the following Scripture passages to your students to help them foster a deeper understanding on how to have a desire for God (see Genesis 1:27; Acts 17:26–28).
- **Meditatio:** The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself (CCC, 27).
- **Oratio:** The search for God requires the effort of the human intellect, a correct will, an upright heart, and the witness to others who teach us to seek God (CCC, 30).
- **Contemplatio:** How does Jesus speak to me?

