CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION



GRADES 7-8

45 MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

Through the story of Andrise in Haiti, students will explore a Catholic social teaching principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, and consider how they can care for others.

MATERIALS

Map, Facts to Consider: Haiti, Andrise's story or video (available at **crsricebowl.org/stories**), Haiti Activity Sheet: Grades 7-8

DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

- 1. Locate Haiti on the map.
- 2. Have two students read the Facts to Consider aloud.
- 3. Read or watch Andrise's story.
- 4. Explain Call to Family, Community and Participation.
- 5. Reflect:
 - What stood out to you in the story?
 - How do you see the Catholic social teaching principle illustrated in Andrise's story?
 - Why is community so important, and what are the challenges to building community in our world today, both locally and globally?

ACTIVITY (25 MINUTES)

- 1. Discuss how a good education benefits students and communities by making them safer and more inclusive places.
- 2. Have students complete the Haiti Activity Sheet: Grades 7–8, which asks them to reflect on how they can serve their communities.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

Loving God,

May building community always be a part of our work and life, and may we always seek you—in those we care for and those who accompany us.

Amen

AT HOME

1. Read the **Pope Francis Reflects** section of the Lenten calendar and write your thoughts about it in a short paragraph.



2. Lead Discussion step 5.

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Humans are social by nature. We need each other. Like the early disciples, we are called to come together and grow as a community—in our classroom, church, neighborhood and family. We are called to ensure that each member of our community can fully participate in a way that respects each one's inherent dignity.

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