

Working with the People of the Philippines –

Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)

Q1 Jot down some words to describe your thoughts/feelings on the images you experience in the first 30 seconds of this DVD?

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Q2 How does the work of the Brothers in the Philippines connect to the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice?

Q3 Explain what the term Opportunist encouragement means?

Q4. List some of the reasons why the children drop out of school at such an early age?

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Q5. What does Brother mean when he says “Poverty and happiness are not the same”?

Q6. What does the word immersion mean? Can you outline what the students from Australia have learnt during their immersion to the Philippines?

Immersion is:

The Australian students have learnt:

Q7. Did watching the footage of the children from Anawim challenge any stereotypes you have/had about children with hearing impairments?

Q8. What do the Brothers give and receive with the work they carry on in the Philippines?

Q9 Say this prayer either together as a class or quietly to yourself.

Pinay Justice: Filipino Prayer for Justice

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.....

Choose one line from this prayer (either highlight or underline) that you connected with and explain below what you are being challenged/called to do.

Q10 Now that you have learnt a little about the Brothers work in the Philippines perhaps you can explore one of the following topics in more depth? Please write 200 words on the topic of your choice.

- a) Why is there so much poverty in the Philippines and what impact is it having on its people?

A good website to assist you is.....

<http://www.trocaire.org/sites/trocaire/files/pdfs/edu/POVERTY.pdf>

- b) The Catholic Church has a set of principles referred to as Catholic Social Teachings – these principles are designed to reflect the Church's social mission in response to the challenges of the day. The students from Australia went on the immersion to the Philippines to stand in solidarity with their Filipino brothers and sisters. Explore what is involved with the principle of solidarity.

A good website to assist you is....

http://www.maristsolidarity.net.au/maps/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=215&Itemid=135

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