

TEAMWORK

No one stands alone.



AIMS:

- To establish the ways in which a group can be more effective than individuals in accomplishing a goal.
- To develop an appreciation for the teamwork inherent in all Christian communities: the family, the Church, communities of priests, brothers, and sisters, the diaconate.
- To understand a religious community as a "team" of interdependent adults who share time, talents, resources, prayer, friendship, and common goals.

MATERIALS LIST:

- Bible
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Pencils and paper
- Poster cut into puzzle

Focus Question:

What are the benefits and responsibilities of being a member of a team?

REFLECTING:

We are all members of many different types of teams: sports teams, debate teams, research or writing groups, families, the Church community. Membership in one of those groups entails some responsibilities and commitments, but it also affords us many benefits and joys. We learn the value of teamwork, gaining a strength of purpose and determination that we could never muster alone. Each member of a group brings to it special talents and a unique perspective. We share common goals and develop lasting friendships. In a religious community we also go one step further — our common prayers, beliefs, and struggles give us the strength and energy to serve God and others. Teamwork is an essential element of being a part of the priesthood, diaconate, sisterhood, or brotherhood.

VOCATION FOCUS:

- A community — a family, the Church, a religious community — is a team of people committed to working together for the benefit of the individual and the group, and to fulfilling its mission of service.
- A person who lives in a religious community shares the friendship and care of others as well as a group effort to spread the Kingdom of God.