

## **Day 4**

### **Ministries**

#### ***Stir Up the Lesson***

##### **St-Jean de Brébeuf:**

“I used a surplice and a biretta to give an atmosphere of solemnity. To begin, we knelt and sang the Our Father that we had divided up into Huron verses, Fr Daniel, as the author of the arrangement, sang the first couplet all alone, then we sang it once more all, together, and those among the Wendats, like the children, who already knew it, enjoyed singing along with us; the others simply listened. After this everyone sat down; I stood up and had them all make the Sign of the Cross. Then, after summarizing what I had said the last time, I explained some new point. When this was over we questioned the little children, including the girls, and we gave a little bead of glass or porcelain to those who deserved it. The parents were delighted to see their children giving correct answers and getting some little prize they had merited by the trouble they had taken to come for private instruction. On our part, to stir up the lesson by questioning one another; the people are really filled with amazement at this display. At the end, everything is concluded by a speech from the Elders who state their difficulties, and sometimes make me listen to the statement of their own beliefs.”

#### ***Offer Something to All Who Were Sick***

##### **St-Jean de Brébeuf:**

“We gave them some of the meager food supplies we had brought along; to one we gave some prunes, to another, a few grapes; to others kind of food. The poor people came from far away to get their share of our food. Since our French helpers had been successful at hunting, during autumn, we were able to offer something to all who were sick. This won their hearts, especially since they would have died with neither meat nor fish to make their sagamité attractive.”

## **Scripture Passages for Personal Prayer Time:**

### Stir up the lesson:

“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I commanded you.” (*Matthew* 28. 16-20)

“The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.” (*John* 14. 15-31)

### Offer something to all who were sick:

“I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!” (*Matthew* 25, 31-45)

“All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another.” (*Acts* 2. 43-47)

## **Possible Questions for Personal Reflection:**

1. In what ways could I serve God?
2. Do I testify to my faith by his acts of charity towards my neighbor?
3. How can we learn to give with joy?
4. Do I want to share my faith with the people I meet on a daily basis?
5. Do I know groups of people involved in my community?