

"I'll give you space!!!"

Hello humility



## Aims

To strengthen the awareness of the importance and value of each person who lives beside us.

To experience the joy of being the first to love, giving space to the other – his or her needs, what he or she knows, and his or her opinion.

## Where we left off...

In the previous meeting, we committed ourselves to fight pride by removing one at a time the post-it that covered the picture of someone we love. Let us try sharing how it went.



- Did we succeed in freeing our drawing from the post-it?
- Can we recall how we felt when we were able to give space to others?
- Can we remember a significant experience? What was easiest and what most difficult?
- Is there any suggestion we can give to others so they will not fall into pride?
- Is there anything for which we would like to ask help or advice from others?



## We live this way

This year, in our class we were divided into study groups. In chemistry, which is the subject I like most, I wanted to be the organizer of the work and research. However, there were other classmates who liked this subject very much, and like me, they wanted to organize the study.

At the start, I was not completely ready to lose my idea and I really wanted to decide, to make everyone follow my ideas.... Finally, I was able to overcome myself and I let the others take the initiative, while continuing to participate actively. So I studied the topics they chose and everything went well.

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## You get involved too!

Every time you are able to say: "HELLO HUMILITY!" and "BYE, BYE PRIDE!", write down your experiences.

Send them to the World Gen 3 Centers  
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These will go around the world and will encourage many others to tell Jesus in every neighbor, repeating with you: "I'LL GIVE YOU SPACE!"

## HUMILITY



When God Himself, through the words of the angel, asked Mary to become the mother of Jesus, He upset the plan she had of consecrating herself as a virgin to God. How did Mary act there? Did she answer that maybe she wanted to do what she had already planned for herself, or did she swell up with the honour that was being offered to her? No, Mary replied with humility: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," I will obey his words." Mary was truly humble, because she considered herself small in front of God and she consented to His will without putting herself first, and this is just the opposite of what a proud person does.

*Chiara*

Chiara Lubich,  
Gen 3 Congress, 1973, Rocca di Papa,  
"NO TO VICES, YES TO VIRTUES"

The video in Italian-English-Spanish and the international version of the PowerPoint presentation is available at the website <http://assistentigen3.focolare.org>

**G**et up in the morning and simply say: "I will be the first to love every person I meet during the day. I will love this one and that one, and will always be the first, be the first, be the first".

Always set out to be the first to love.

What a marvelous way to live!

It sets the tone, circulates the graces because when we love, we invite the Holy Spirit, who is full of immense light. Jesus says: "I will reveal myself to whoever loves me" (cfr Jn 14: 21). In fact, to love our neighbor means to love Him, who reveals Himself always with His light.

And many graces will rain down on us, so that at night we may be tired but happy.

*Chiara*

Chiara Lubich,  
Art of loving, Città Nuova,  
Rome 2005, p. 56

## HUMILITY at the time of Jesus



Reference: Jn 13,14

### Jesus washes the feet of his disciples

Together, let us enact this Gospel passage and prepare it for a group of children (Gen 4, parish group...) We can also share to them some of our experiences on humility and how we link this part of the life of Jesus to our life.

## Moving into action

“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” (Mk 10, 35-45)

### Would you like to follow this advice of Jesus?

Then let's try it out. We will become great each time we are ready to serve a neighbor, also with our muscles!

Together, look for a person or a group or a place in your district or city where you can offer concrete service and plan how to reach goal!



### DO YOU KNOW 6X1?

It is a way of experiencing, in a participative and effective way, the social actions that the youth groups bring ahead in their own areas. Perhaps it is already being done in your community... it could be a chance for you to serve others in your city.



