- 1. Sr Clare Crockett All or Nothing (You Tube film- 1hour 24mins)
- 2. <u>Discussion/ Questions Exploration of the film</u>

Please click on picture below to view film



The following questions are related to different sections of the film.

Childhood and Youth

Sr. Clare grew up in a violent environment. How did she overcome violence?

She had great talent in the world of television and acting, eventually becoming a television presenter and having a role in a film.

Why did she give up everything to become a nun?



What were the reasons she gave for doing this?

On Good Friday in the year 2000, she received the grace of conversion.

What did it entail?

When she returned to Ireland after having been in Spain and taking part in the pilgrimage to Italy, she received two graces from the Lord that helped her to respond.

Do you remember what they were?

In the scene in the bathroom at the club we can see how many young people like Clare are trapped in a vicious circle of drugs and alcohol.

Why is this?



In the hotel in England she experienced a real sense of emptiness.

Do you think it is common for people to experience the same kind of emptiness and if so why?

She discovered that only God could fill her and give her the happiness that she longed for so much. Her family did not understand her radical and sudden change. She had to remain firm to defend her vocation in spite of everything that was said to her to make her change her mind.

Where do you think she got this strength?

Sr. Clare Crockett said: "It was Good Friday and someone said to me,

"Today is Good Friday, Clare. Today you have to go to Church'... Everyone in the Church got in line down the centre aisle for the Adoration of the Cross... When it was my turn to kiss the Cross... I saw how I nailed the Lord to the Cross and that the only way that I could console Him was to give Him my life." All or Nothing."



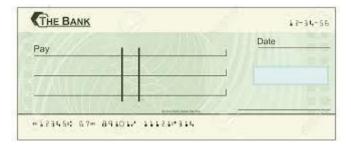
What is the most impressive thing for you about Sr. Clare's life as a Sister?

Examples: her joy, her generosity, her availability, her obedience, etc.

She said to the Lord that she signed a "blank check" every day so that He could ask of her whatever He wanted.

Do you think if you thought of your life in this way it would be different? In what way?

Do you realize that the idea of signing a "blank check" is not just for religious, but is also for people in any state of life?



Sr. Clare understood that she had to place all of the gifts that she had received from the Lord – her sense of humour, etc. – at the service of the Lord and others.

What gifts do you possess? How can you place them at the service of God and others?

The story that Sr. Clare tells about St. John Paul II of when he said that he did not know if he was tired or not.

What do you think this means/ what kind of man was St. John Paul II?

He said that he did not know if he was tired or not – not because he was not tired at the end of the day, but because he was not thinking about himself. Like Sr. Clare said at the end of the video: "One thing that the Lord has taught me is that the one who loses his life and forgets about himself is happy."

When Sr. Clare made her perpetual vows, she said, "I have seen what He has done for me and can say, 'Lord, you leave me speechless. If you have died for me, how am I not going to die to myself for You?'"

Why is it important for Christians to meditate on the Passion of Christ? How does meditating on the Passion of Christ strengthen us?

In what parts of the video do you notice Sr. Clare's love for the Virgin Mary? What about her love for the Eucharist?

Sr. Ana Lapeña, Servant Sister of the Home of the Mother, Sr. Clare's superior in Belmonte: "I never saw any gesture when she wasn't in agreement with something or show that she didn't want to do something. As a matter of fact, the school year ended and I never knew what things she liked and didn't like to do."

Earthquake and Death:

Karolina, a student at the Playa Prieta school, was in the Sisters' house until five minutes before the earthquake occurred. She talked about how she realized that she did not die at that moment because she was not prepared. She needed to go to confession first to be in a state of grace.

What do you think she meant by this?

How can someone prepare for the moment of death? When the earthquake occurred, Sr. Estela, superior of the community, ran to rescue the Blessed Sacrament. She thought about saving the Lord in the Eucharist before saving her own life.

Why do you think someone would risk their own life to save the Eucharist?



The Sisters and the girls that were saved, prayed and mutually encouraged each other while they were beneath the rubble, waiting to be rescued.

Where did they find the strength to react like that?

Why do you think the Lord allowed Sr. Clare's death to happen?

The following 3 questions could be used for pair work or group work as they are more reflective in nature:

How should we as Christians view death?

Is it something evil or something good?

Mother Ana María Campo, Superior general of the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother: "We are called to go to Heaven. So, the fact that there are Sisters who have already made the journey and that by the mercy of God we hope are in Heaven, is a great joy for me. I said to the Sisters, We have to be happy because we have founded in Heaven. We have a community in Heaven."

The title of the film is "All or Nothing." – What do you think the title means?

Compare it with Revelation 3:15-16:



Testimonies: Karolina Vera, Sr. Clare's student at the Playa Prieta school:

"Sr. Clare said to me, 'You know that I'm radical: yes or no; everything or nothing; black or white, but not halfway.'" Jailene Casanova, Sr. Clare's student at the Playa Prieta school: "She didn't like mediocrity. She gave everything and more."

Note: This resource will tie in nicely with the section on <u>The search for Meaning</u> (Junior and Senior cycle Religion.)

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