

From Spark to Flame:



FAN INTO FLAME
THE GIFT OF GOD
WHICH IS IN YOU

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity
but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline

Ember Teams



Inspiration

- We want to create opportunities for students in our schools to lead and to deepen their own faith.
- We use the word Ember as a metaphor of how a small flame can ignite a fire.
- We take the model from the KANDLE diocese of Meitheal groups “Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6), as an example of what can be achieved.



Vision

Inspired by the Christian message of love and service to others, our vision is to create a group of leaders within schools who will be an example of faith in action, striving to make a difference in the lives of those around them.



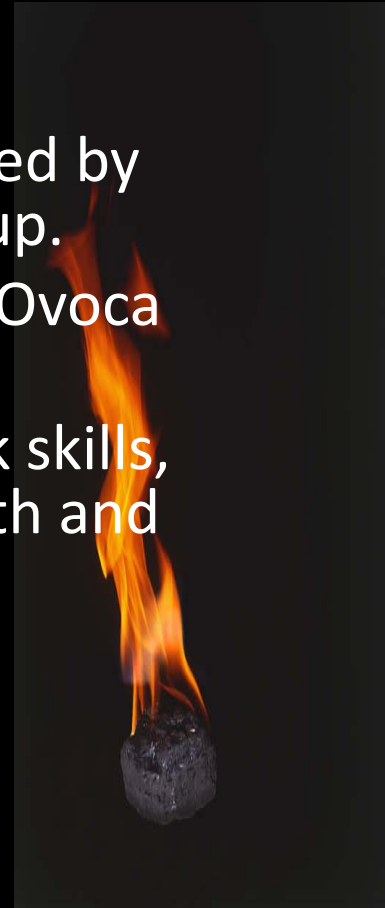
GOALS

- To have an Ember Team of students who meet regularly throughout the school year.
- The Team will be supported by the Archdiocese Education Secretariat.
- The group should be well organised and have a strong sense of purpose which is to find opportunities to develop the community of faith within themselves, the school and the wider community.
- The initial task for the team will be to support the transition of incoming first years to the community of faith within the school.



Objectives

- To select a group of 4th or 5th year students (decided by each school) who would like to be part of the group.
- To participate in a 3 day formation programme in Ovoca Manor in May.
- The programme will aim to develop the teamwork skills, leadership skills and the participants' personal faith and sense of community development.
- By the end of the programme, the group will have a clear structure (Chair, Secretary etc) and a clear plan for working with incoming first years in their school in August/September.
- The group will continue to meet on a weekly basis throughout the school year to plan and review other activities that promote the Christian spirit of the school.



Possible future plans.....

- There will be an opportunity for all students who participate in Ember Teams to meet together in Ovoca for a day of celebration and renewal towards the end of their year.*
- Students may be invited to work with the next group of students to help them in their formation.*

