



II NOSTRO TEAM BLOGGING: **School: Liceo Scientifico "Fermi", Bari, Italy**
Question: What does the word "faith" mean to me?

Il **Team Blogging** è stata la nuova esperienza che la piattaforma di *Face to Faith* ci ha permesso di portare avanti.

Ogni settimana, a rotazione, è stato assegnato agli studenti e studentesse di una delle scuole-partner l'incarico di scrivere i blog su un argomento di particolare profondità e rilievo mentre gli allievi delle altre scuole avevano il compito di commentare.

Questo tipo di interazione strutturata è stata particolarmente feconda in quanto ha permesso di raggiungere intensità di dialogo e scambio culturale maggiore rispetto alle normali interazioni sul social network, che rischiano a volte di essere più "dispersive" e superficiali per l'inevitabile difficoltà di trovare persone desiderose di approfondire determinate tematiche.

Queste le scuole con cui abbiamo interagito e gli argomenti affrontati:

PARTNER SHOOOLS:

Israel - **Beit Jann Comprehensive School**, Teacher: Zmorrod Kabian

Israel - **Seligsberg Adam**, Teacher: Hilia

Italy - **Liceo Scientifico "Fermi", Bari**, Teacher: Maria Grazia Tundo

USA – **De Smet High School**, Teacher: Yajaira B. Guedez

Week 1 (3rd – 7th of February, 2014):

- School: *Beit Jann Comprehensive School*
- Question: **What makes my community unique?**

Week 2 (10th – 14th February, 2014):

- School: *De Smet High School*
- Question: **What makes me, Me?**

Week 3 (17th – 21st February, 2014):

- School: *Seligsberg Adam*
- Question: **What influences and inspires me?**

Week 4 (24th – 28th February, 2014):

- School: *Liceo Scientifico "Fermi", Bari, Italy*
- Question: **What does the word "faith" mean to me?**

Qui di seguito sono illustrati **alcuni esempi dei blog delle studentesse e studenti del Fermi**, che hanno, nel corso della quarta settimana, scritto dei post **sul significato soggettivo della parola "fede"**, insieme ad alcune risposte degli allievi delle altre scuole straniere:

TEAM BLOGGING:

What does the word "faith" mean to me? (Liceo Scientifico "Fermi" di Bari: quarto gruppo)

04 Italy: Faith to know that I'm not alone

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posted by [Viviana Catucci](#) on Wed, 26/02/2014 - 8:09pm

Hello everyone, so.. today I'd like to talk about my relationship with faith. For me it's a bit complicated to explain, but I'll do my best. I believe in God, but in my own way. My family thinks that I don't care about religion and faith, but that's not true at all. I just try to keep my relationship with God just far from other people ones. I talk to him, when I'm alone, and nobody can see me: sometimes I use my mind, and sometimes I use my mouth. I don't know if this is praying, because I rarely ask him for help. I like telling him when I'm over about something, and when I'm happy too. But I would be a liar saying that I remember to talk to him when something really beautiful happens to me. I'm more often sad actually, and when I tell him why, I feel better. He's like a friend, who can help you by just listening to you. Praying is another thing. When I feel like I can't do anything else to fix my problems, I ask him to. Or better, I ask him to give me the strength to fix the situation. Sometimes he helps, sometimes he doesn't. Why do I believe that it's God and not something else to help? Because I have faith. And I never give up if I don't see any results. Something lets me go on in trying more and more, and most of the times I reach my objectives. I can't see God, and I can't hear him, but I'm sure that he only helps me if I believe in myself and in what I'm doing. So, when I feel like nobody could understand me, that's when I remember that he's always there for me. I'm never alone, even when I actually am. Sometimes I also realise that unlucky people in the world need my prayers, and that's where I feel like I'm really asking for something, but that is not for me. I see God in every beautiful moment of people's life. I believe that if something goes right, that's because of him. I don't need to go to the Church every Sunday, or to keep a necklace with a cross around my neck. I just need my Faith, and I'll be nearer to God than anyone could ever imagine.

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04_Faith, whatever it is, I need it

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posted by [Federica Lozito](#) on Thu, 27/02/2014 - 9:51pm

Hi My name's Federica and I study in Liceo Fermi in Bari, Southern Italy.

When I knew that I had to write a blog about Faith I was really excited because I thought I had to write about religion I like discussing about different beliefs and my religion in comparison with others. However, when I asked myself what faith means for me I had two enormous doubts:

Do I have faith just in my religion's values?

Do I live for faith or do I live because of that?

The answer for the first question, as far as I'm concerned, is no. That's because I know that I have faith in my mom, in my dad, in my school, in my future, in my hobbies, in everything I do. I think we always have faith, in every second of our lives, because without being faithfully, we could never BELIEVE AND HOPE. As a matter of fact, I think that faith helps us to live, because only faith could motivate us to go on, to believe, and to hope in good results and aims. So, even if I'm Catholic and I deeply believe that God protects me, I strongly think that I have faith in many other things, I just have to discover them :)

The answer to the second question is more difficult because it never happened to me to reflect about the difference between an objective and a cause. An aim is a thing to reach which we do something. A cause is the reason why we do something. But isn't faith both of them? I think that we not only have to have faith in order to earn something or to feel sure that we'll be repaid, but also we have to have faith because it has to motivate us and give us a good reason to live.

So, I think that faith is fundamental in any situation of our lives.

Anyway this is only my opinion, tell me yours. Don't look forward to reading your comments. :)

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What the word faith means to me?

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posted by [Francesco Gentile](#) on Sat, 01/03/2014 - 7:36pm

I would say that the word faith is a really important one in my life . For me having a faith means having a guide in life . Not only am I talking about religious faith , which is very significant as well in my daily experience , but also about other kinds of faith . I am quite convinced that a faith is a set of ethical values, in which you firmly believe , and which are not necessarily related to religion (that 's why also an atheist can have a faith) .

I believe in coherence , the idea according to which it is better to act well than just saying good things , I do agree with the idea of social equality , which is really close to the Christian purpose that people should love each other and so on ...

Therefore what are the values which made up your "faith" ? Do you think that people of different religions can believe in similar values , and have similar "faiths"? (my answer is absolutely yes)

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Posted by [Patrick Sullivan](#) on Mon, 10/03/2014 - 1:34pm

Hello Francesco. I am Patrick Sullivan from DeSmet Jesuit High school in Missouri, USA. I found your post very interesting. I agree with you about how a person's moral values are part of a person's faith because a person's faith can have a major influence on a person's character. I also agree with your belief of coherence because people should live out what they believe with actions. A few values that make up my faith would be respect, service, and humility. All people deserve to be treated with respect because we are all human; we should not be selfish and try to serve those that might need help; and when we do something good, we do not need to boast about it. I believe different religions can have similar faiths. Many of the separate Christian religions have pretty much the same beliefs but just slight variations of certain parts. Why do you think different religions can have similar faiths? Thank you for your post.

04 Italy- Faith over religion and among everybody

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posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 9:11am

Hello everybody! My name is Michele and I study at Liceo scientifico "Enrico Fermi" in Bari. In my opinion the word "faith" is not only connect to the religious contest, but also to the laical one because I think that being faithfull means believe in ideas you would fallow independently from everything and even spread in the world. These ideas could be both religious, political and ethic and even thogh they could not always be accepted by the others, I think they have to be carried on if we really believe in them. Of course we have to take in account if our ideas and especially their implementation, can be dangerous or can hurt who is near us; if yes we should reflect on them and, if it is possible, find a solution.

Which is your opinion about this topic?

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Posted by [Eric Seals](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 7:47pm

Michele Colainni, Hello, my name is Eric Seals. I really liked your input on faith. It was very interesting. You brought up a great point about the potential of faith being dangerous to those near us. This is true because there has been so many people have given their life for their faith. I have one question, is Italy primarily Catholic because of Vatican city, or are there other dominant religions there too?

Thanks, Eric

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Posted by [Michele Colsianni](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 9:01pm

Hi Eric :)well, Italy is primarily Catholic but there are also other religion because of the presence of immigrants.

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Posted by [John Russo](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 7:52pm

Hello Michele! my name is John Russo and I agree with your ideals on faith. I attend DeSemt Jesuit High School in St. Louis, and it is mainly Catholic. Catholic is not the only religion practiced. I am Catholic, but many of my friends are not and they practice and live out their full beliefs.

Quick Question: In Italy, what is the most beautiful monument in regards with your religion?

Thank you very much, I appreciate your post
John

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Posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 9:08pm

Hi John :)I'm Catholic like you and Italy is full of monuments in regards with it: I can't really define which is the most beautiful because I don't know every church or monument but I think that the St. Peter church and "La pietà" by Michelangelo are really beautiful and special.

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Posted by [Spencer Umbeck](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 7:58pm

Hello Michele Colainni, my name is Spencer Umbeck and i go to De Smet Jesuit High School, here in the United States of America. I found your input very interesting, especially about the idea of faith meaning something different to everyone. I have gone to a mainly Catholic school my entire life and i have found that my faith has grown tremendously throughout my time here at De Smet Jesuit, faith is a very important part of my life and it is a big part of my everyday life on earth. I have a question and that is, are you Catholic or a different religion? Thankyou for the comment and i hope you get back to me soon.

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Posted by [Andrew Boland](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 7:58pm

Michele:

My name is Drew Boland, and I am also from DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, MO, USA. I appreciate your input on the topic of faith, because I think that it is an awkward thing to talk about in high school. In the US, having a strong faith isn't normally the "coolest" thing to do, and some kids are ridiculed for having such a strong faith. I think, though, that faith is more than just an adherence to a religious code - it's simply a way of following an idea or dream. When one is dedicated to a certain cause, they have faith in that cause. What types of beliefs/customs/movements are people faithful toward in your country?

Thanks! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Drew

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Posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Wed, 26/02/2014 - 10:10pm

Hi Spencer :) I am Catholic too and I consider my religion a really important part of my life. I'm a member of M2G that means Movimento Giovanile Guanelliano. It is a movement of young people who follow the the education and the life style of don Luigi Guanella, a new Italian saint who used to live being charitable to every one. So we try to be like him, doing whatever we can (For example we spend our free time with children or with disabled people)

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Posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Wed, 26/02/2014 - 10:23pm

Hi Drew :) I totally agree with you! Well, Italy is mostly Catholic but there are also people who doesn't follow this religion, especially immigrants. Anyway, as we have just said, faith doesn't belong only to the religion contest but also to other environments such the political one in which, nowadays, are involved many young people. As far as customs are concerned I can only say that Italy is full of them insomuch as that they usually change from town to town, even in the same area.

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Posted by [Erik Miller](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 8:06pm

Hello Michele, I am also from DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, MO, USA. I really like your comments on how faith can be an individual practice. There can be many other parts of faith than just the religious aspect of it. Our school is mainly Catholic but there are many other religions that are apart of our community. How much of Italy is Catholic and how much does the religion affect your daily life?

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Posted by [Alexander Stackle](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 8:26pm

Hello Michele. My name is Alex Stackle and I am a student at DeSmet Jesuit High School. I really enjoyed your post about faith. How does faith affect your life on a daily basis. Thanks!

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Posted by [Michael Berra](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 8:28pm

Hi Michele, my name is Michael Berra, I go to De Smet Jesuit High School in St. Louis Missouri. I agree that we have faith in many things. One specific thing that I have faith in is my religion. I am a christian and that is a main part of our school. We receive an education that is based on our faith. Is your school based on your faith? Does your faith have any affect on your learning? Thanks.

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Posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 9:30pm

Hi Michael :) Even though a great part of my schoolmate is Catholic like me, my school is not based on my faith. With your second question, do you mean if my faith influence what I study and so doesn't allow me to study something?

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Posted by [Paul Rougeau](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 8:39pm

Hello Michele!!! My name is Paul Rougeau and I am yet another student at DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. I really enjoyed what you had to say on the topic faith. I think it was very interesting the points that you brought up. What type of issues on faith effect your community?

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Posted by [Jose Aranda](#) on Tue, 25/02/2014 - 8:45pm

Hi my name is Jose Aranda, I attend De Smet Jesuit High School. I really enjoyed reading about your definition of faith. I'm also a catholic and strongly believe in God. Being a son of Hispanic parents is a true blessing because they have taught me a lot about faith. What is the most important church in beautiful Italy?

I will like to hear more about your religion.

-Thanks, Jose Aranda

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Posted by [Michele Colaianni](#) on Wed, 26/02/2014 - 10:08pm

Hi Jose :)I suppose that the most important church in Italy is the St. Peter one because it is the Vatican's capital city.

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Posted by [Stephen Aubuchon](#) on Wed, 26/02/2014 - 7:46pm

Hello Michele. My name is Stephen Aubuchon, and I attend De Smet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, Missouri. I thought your view of faith was very interesting. I think most people originally believe in faith as related to religion, but it can also be different from religion. I am a practicing Catholic, and I do follow the Catholic faith. Most of my inspiration comes from the Catholic faith, but I think people's faith can come from other inspirations. What inspires your faith?

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