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Session 2: Meeting Norbert: Then and Now

Person responsible for developing this session: Fr. Andrew Ciferni & Rosemary Sands
(NOTE: Team and Discussion Leaders do not need to attend this session. Orientation Leaders will attend with their groups.)

1. **Session Title: Meeting Norbert: Then and Now**
2. **Session Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017 (Special time: 10am - 11am)**
3. **Plenary or Small Group? Plenary**
4. **Learning Outcomes**
 - a. Demonstrate understanding of the history, mission and traditions of St. Norbert, St. Norbert College and the Norbertines.
 - b. Give a synopsis of the life of Norbert.
5. **Other Goals**, if applicable (these are goals not directly connected to student learning – e.g. forming group cohesion or identifying which students may be struggling to transition.)
 - a. Help students consider which elements of the life of Norbert they would like to bring into their lives or the life of the college.
6. **Brief Narrative** describing the session (3 – 5 sentences offering the leaders a general sense of what will take place on this date.

This plenary session will begin with an MC-narrated 20 minute powerpoint/video presentation followed by a panel discussion. The ppt/video images will highlight the most important events in the life of Norbert relative to the students being here at SNC (conversion, peacemaking, etc.). Panelists will then conversationally share stories of their experiences around these themes - e.g. when have you radically changed direction in your life or how have you worked to bring people together across difference? We will end with a challenge to the students to take the spirit of Norbert into their lives.

Gateway Seminar Lesson Plan Template

7. Lesson Outline

- a. Music as students arrive would be beneficial - large group, early morning - something energetic
 - b. Andrew will tee up the beginning of the Communio DVD (6 minutes,) which will then be shown
 - c. Andrew will emcee the panel which will engage in exciting repartee
 - i. The panel will rehearse in advance so they know what to expect
 - ii. Panelists
 1. Don Augustine, Mike Brennan, O. Praem., Brian Bruess, Megan Griffiths, Rosemary Sands
 - iii. Prompts/themes/topics
 1. living out his conversion // transformation > our educational goal
 2. kenotic (not clinging)
 3. an eye for the poor (fundamental option for the poor) > service learning
 4. seeking out those to be healed or exorcised (today's demons?) > TRIPS
 5. a preacher of peace > Norman Miller Center
 6. a traveler (never stuck in one place: physical, psychological, spiritual. political, ecclesiastical) Study Abroad, Global Seminars
 7. a man on the edge (prophet // a committed critic)
 8. a vir catholicus (the other side of being prophetic = staying in the game, at the table)
 9. a pastor >
 10. self-confident and resourceful > liberal arts
 11. Christ centered (solo christo duce)
 - iv. Andrew will deliver a parting challenge - to live in the spirit of Norbert as do these panelists.
 - d. **Materials Needed** (handouts, markers, any materials needed for experiential elements, etc.)
 - i. Ability to be showing a video off of YouTube
 - ii. Podium with microphone
 - iii. Cordless mic/mics for the five panelists
 - iv. Chairs for five panelists
 - v. Water for panelists and MC
 - vi. Technology and a person to record session as it happens (see #9)
8. **Background Information** - There is no background information, but we hope to videotape this session to allow interested leaders to watch after the fact.