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Semester _____

Summer Reading Study Guide—Social Justice

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion **by Greg Boyle, S.J.**

Your summer reading for the junior Social Justice course is Fr. Greg Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* (Free Press, 2010, ISBN 1439153027). After reading the book, complete the following questions, which your theology teacher will use to make sure you read the book and to assess the quality of that reading.

“Our common human hospitality longs to find room for those who are left out. It’s just who we are if allowed to foster something different, something more greatly resembling what God had in mind. Perhaps, together, we can teach each other how to bear the beams of love, persons becoming persons, right before our eyes. Returned to ourselves.” (Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.)

1. What couple of stories from Fr. Boyle’s experience struck you the most when reading? Why? Be specific...note page number reference.
2. How has this book broken down your defenses when it comes to the poor / marginalized? Give examples/ be specific...note page number reference.
3. What emotions, feelings are evoked from you after reading this book? How do you think this will help you prepare for your social justice class? How does it inspire you?
4. After reading this book, how would you define *kinship*? Give page number references where necessary.

Guidelines:

- Your answers must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point font.
- You must use this sheet as your cover sheet.
- Remember that plagiarism, which includes copying any part of another person’s work and presenting it as your own, is dishonest and will result in no credit for this assignment.
- **DUE DATES:**

1st SEMESTER STUDENTS: This assignment will be turned in to your Social Justice teacher on the second class meeting of the semester.

2nd SEMESTER STUDENTS: This assignment must be placed in the box in the main office by Friday, August 30th.