Module Five

Contemplating the Beginning

READ

⇒ Pages 143-161 of 'The Ignatian Adventure' by Kevin O'Brien SJ

Gitanjali

Here is Thy Footstool

Rabindranath Tagore

Here is thy footstool and there rest thy feet where live the poorest, and lowliest, and lost.

When I try to bow to thee, my obeisance cannot reach down to the depth where thy feet rest among the poorest, lowliest, and lost.

Pride can never approach to where thou walkest in the clothes of the humble among the poorest, and lowliest, and lost.

My heart can never find its way to where thou keepest company with the companionless among the poorest, the lowliest, and the lost.

MAXIMS

Maxim 1: Actions flow from attitudes. Attitudes are formed by how we answer questions.

Maxim 2: Intimacy cannot be standardized.

