

How do I help my child deal with a student who is annoying? The short answer is to encourage your child, always, to say how he or she feels.

“I don’t like that.”

“Can you please stop that.”

“It’s not nice when you do that.”

“Please cut it out!”

And guess what? Sometimes this doesn’t make the annoying child stop.

The longer answer is this:

Last Thursday during Catholic schools week, Fr. Carl, as usual, gave a great homily. IT was a simple message but a powerful one. Let the SON shine. It was Groundhog day that day, and we are all reminded about looking for the SUN shine on that day. How often are we geared to look for the SON shine? It is so nice to be reminded to look for Jesus. It is hard, however, to see Jesus in the least of us. I know that there are some days when it might be easier to see Jesus in my toothbrush than it is to see Him in me. By the same token, I might know an individual who makes seeing Jesus seem impossible almost all the time, every day. Matthew 25:45 reminds me, “whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.”

Teach your child that undesirable people are yes, still very much a part of God’s kingdom. I hope that answer didn’t disappoint you.

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“The teaching never stops.”