









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
18	2	3	HOLINESS	Desert Fathers and Mothers	80: St John Cassian

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: Game: Each student writes down privately 5 key facts about monasticism. In the game itself, each student uses one of his ideas (not already used) to generate clues for the rest. Every successful guess (3 maximum) is one point to the one who guesses and one point to the questioner if the 3 guesses are not successful.

Learning objectives:

1. Know the basic facts about St John Cassian's life and work.
2. Understand his contribution to monasticism in the west.
3. Be able to explain some of his disagreements with St Augustine and why these are important.

Core Activities and Learning

Distribute Resource Sheet 80

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2013/02/28/100623-venerable-john-cassian-the-roman>

ACTIVITY 1:

From Resource Sheet 80, construct a Timeline (A4 landscape) with the following data:-

1. Dates
2. Places
3. Significant events
4. Influences and Contributions.

ACTIVITY 2:

“John Cassian – bridge between east and west” Discussion. (Consider particularly his attitude towards St Augustine)

More theological detail may be found on this page below which the LEADER can research and use to support the discussion. You can go as deep into this as your students are able to go!

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/orthodoxyandheterodoxy/2012/08/13/the-curious-case-of-st-john-cassian/>

Resources: <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2013/02/28/100623-venerable-john-cassian-the-roman>

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Resource Sheet 80, John_Cassian.jpeg

Review: St John Cassian not only introduced coenobitic monasticism to the Orthodox west (influencing St Benedict) but he also offered a timely corrective to some of the excesses of St Augustine's theology.

Follow Up: Explore: What useful role does monasticism have in the Church.