

The Story of Cornelia Connelly 1809-1879

Resource: DVD

A Love Full of Action, produced by the European Province. The film is also available on the website of the European Province

<http://www.shcj.co.uk/heritage/index.html> click on FILM

This film can be used to introduce students to Cornelia and her story or shown to students who already know something about her.

The film is about 30-35 minutes.

It can be shown in one session or can be shown in two (or more parts) depending on the length of time and the nature of follow-up activities.

Here are some questions to present to the students before viewing. These are things for them to think about and be prepared to write and or share in discussion. Students can be invited to jot notes while viewing or given a few minutes after the viewing to write. Some of these questions can be used for a written assignment or for discussion

- What surprised you about Cornelia and her story?
- What questions did this DVD leave you with?
- What were some of the most impressive things you heard/learned about Cornelia?
- What are some outstanding qualities did Cornelia possess?
- Can you remember any of her quotes from the film?
- What impressed you about her schools? Can you make any connections with your own school?
- What made a school a Holy Child school then? and now?
- If Cornelia came to your school today, what do you think she would be most happy/proud about? Would there be anything that she might be disappointed with?
- The name of this DVD is *A Love full of Action*. These are the actual words of Cornelia. Why do you think this was used as the title? If you were asked to give the DVD a title, what would it be?

Another follow-up activity could be to assign certain Cornelia sayings OR ask the students to select a saying (individually or in small group). Students can be asked to think of something from Cornelia's story that relates to the saying OR talk about what that saying means to you and your life/school today?