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Session 4



MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP: HOPE TO THE WORLD

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022, 1:00PM-2:30PM EST

KEYNOTE: MGR PAUL-ANDRE DUROCHER
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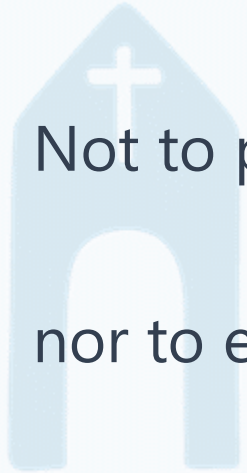
The aim of this presentation

Evangelisation as a process (Dir. for Cat. 2020)

- *Missionary activity as the first stage of evangelization (pre-evangelization)*
- First proclamation issues the call to conversion (initial catechesis)
- Initiation into Christian faith and life, through the catechumenal process
- Mystagogy (post-baptismal catechesis)
- Ongoing education in the faith (permanent catechesis)

The aim of this presentation

- Not to parse the five steps of the process
- nor to explain the how-to of the first step,
- but to envision the « type » of adult believer we envision in an evangelizing Church :
- a missionary-disciple.



How do we see the Church?

As an institution?

- Stability
- Hierarchical structure
- Regulations and protocols
- strict membership criteria,
- authoritarian leadership,
- orientation to the past which must be conserved
- pre-Vatican II focus?



How do we see the Church?

As an association?

- Relationships
- Common interests
- Welcoming and inclusive
- Supporting, warm environment
- Collegial leadership
- Orientation to the present, to be lived
- Vatican II focus ?



How do I see the Church?

As a movement?

- Dynamism
- Reform and revolution
- Commitment to a common cause
- Fluidity and adaptation
- Shared leadership
- Future orientation for change
- Pope Francis's focus?



How do I see the Church?

As a body:

- Alive because of its organs (association)
- Structured because of its skeleton (institution)
- Engaged in the world (movement)



How do I see the Church?

Archetypes

- Saint John – of the discipling Church (association)
- Saint Peter – of the structured Church (institution)
- Saint Paul – of the missional Church (movement)



Baptism and Confirmation

Jesus' Baptism

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)



Baptism and Confirmation



Our Baptism

- The Spirit configures us to Jesus, the beloved Son of God
- Revealing our deepest identity in relationship
- Giving us brothers and sisters in community

Baptism and Confirmation



Jesus' "Confirmation"

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4, 16-20)

Baptism and Confirmation

Our Confirmation

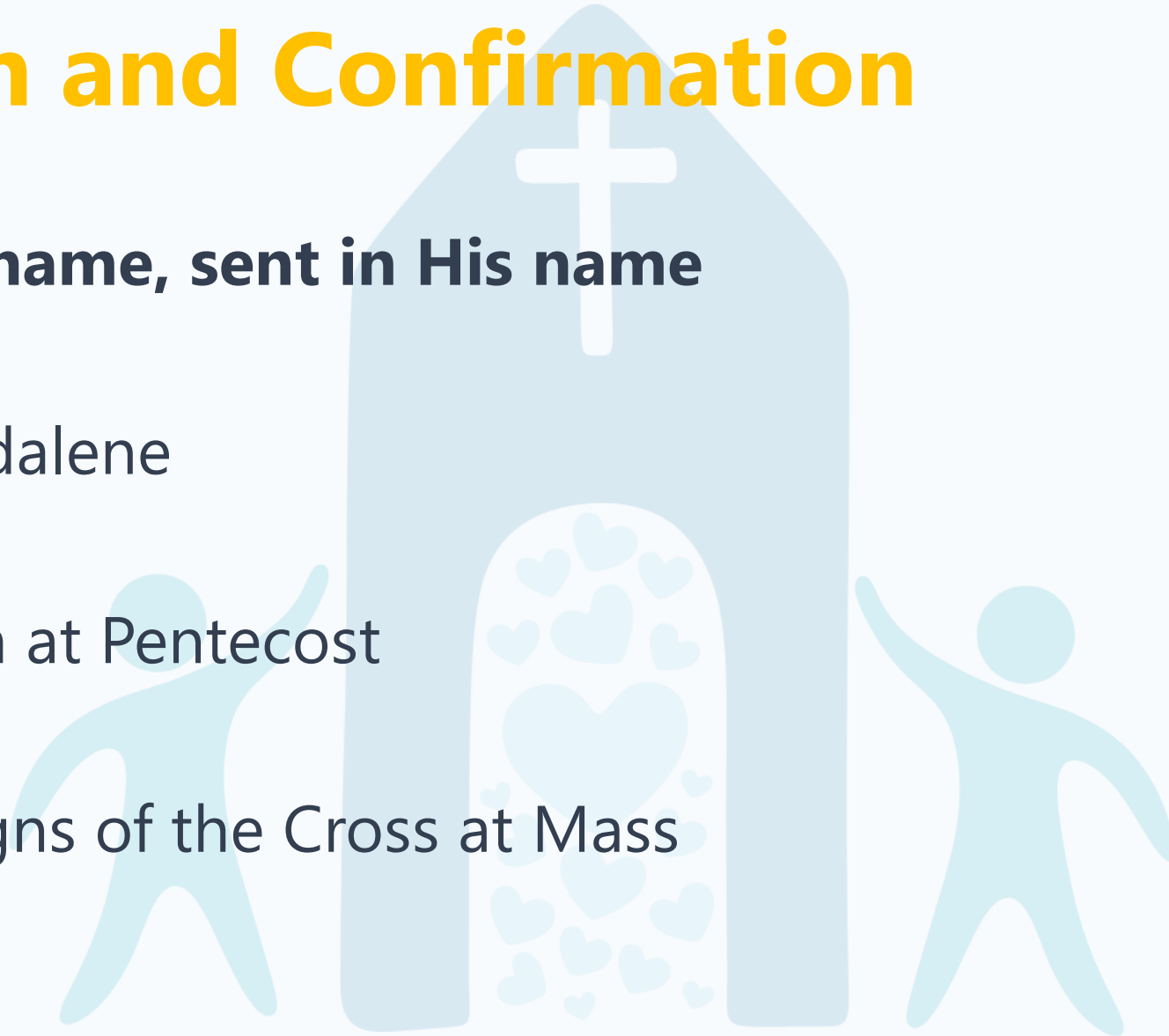
- The Spirit configures us to Jesus, the “sent one” of God
- Setting us on a mission
- Sending us into the world



Baptism and Confirmation

Called by name, sent in His name

- Mary Magdalene
- The Church at Pentecost
- The two signs of the Cross at Mass



Living the Mission

Jesus' cause: the Reign of God

- "To what shall I compare the Kingdom?"
- "Theirs is the Kingdom of God"
- "Thy Kingdom come"
- The Reign of God is justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit



Living the Mission



The disciples' cause : Jesus, who embodies the Reign of God

- I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. (Philippians 3:8)
- I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.(I Corinthians 9:22-23)

Living the Mission



The Church's project (*Novo Millenio Ineunte*)

- That Christ be know, loved and imitated
- So as to live Trinitarian life in him
- And transform history with him
 - N.B.: New Curial structure with Evangelization as the priority!

A three-fold mission



The witness of our lives - holiness

Take a Christian or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst? Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one. Here we have an initial act of evangelization. (Paul VI – EN)

A three-fold mission



The witness of our service – healing the world

An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed “the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics”, the Church “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice”.
(Francis EG)

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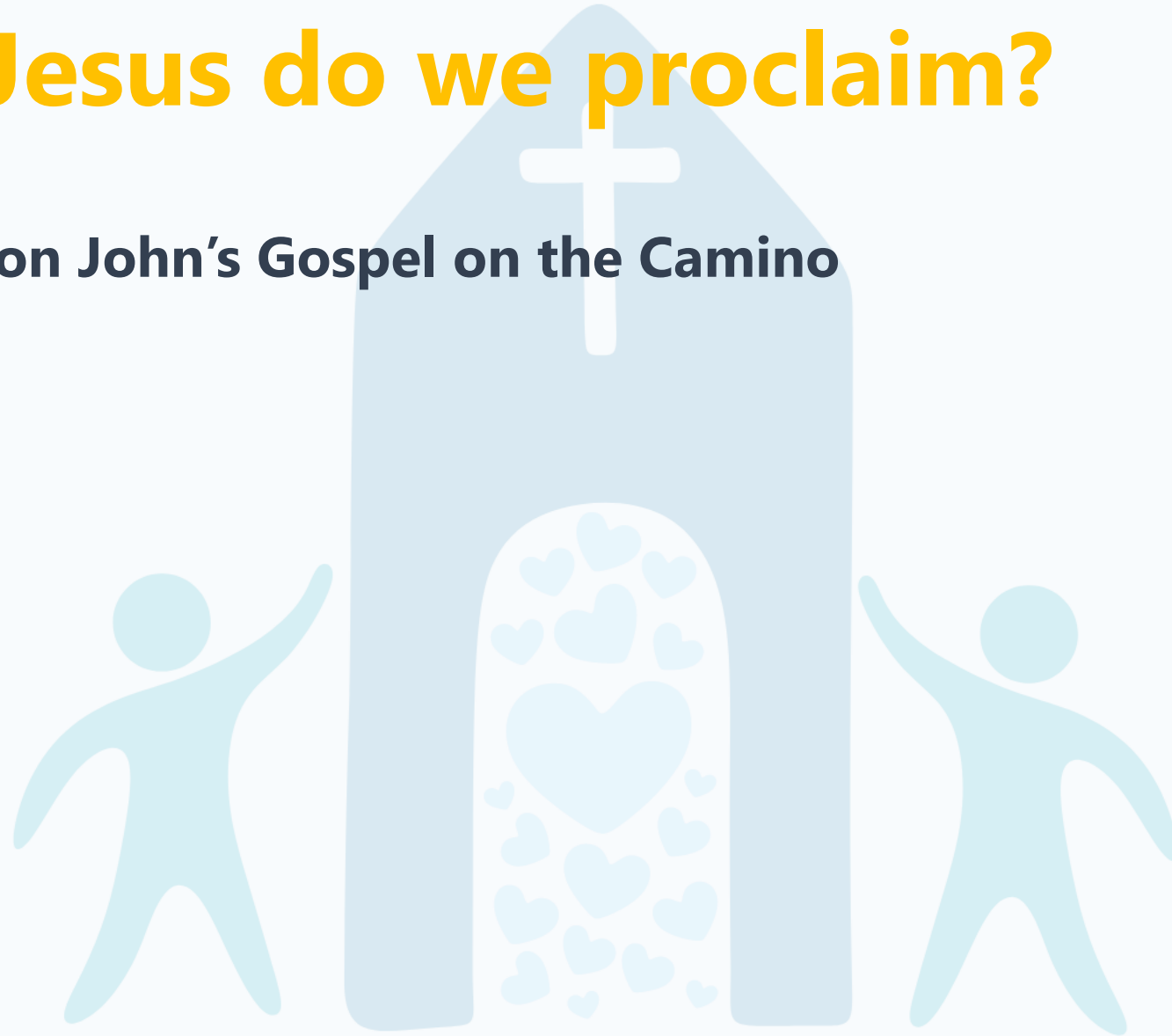
The witness of our word – explaining our hope

The Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life. There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed. The history of the Church, from the discourse of Peter on the morning of Pentecost onwards, has been intermingled and identified with the history of this proclamation. At every new phase of human history, the Church, constantly gripped by the desire to evangelize, has but one preoccupation: whom to send to proclaim the mystery of Jesus? (Paul VI, EN)

Which Jesus do we proclaim?

Meditation on John's Gospel on the Camino

- My Lord
- My Saviour
- My Friend
- My Brother



Which Jesus do we proclaim?



In the light of the MBPI

- For NT's (Augustine of Hippo) : In a society that allows little space for reflection on the meaning and purpose of life, we propose communities that listen, meditate and proclaim the teaching of Jesus, Wisdom for humanity.
- For NF's (Francis of Assisi) : In a fragmented society where we struggle to develop a harmonious way of living together, we propose communities that strive to create places of welcome and belonging in the footsteps of Jesus, the universal Brother. (NF – carers – people – St. Francis)

Which Jesus do we proclaim?



In the light of the MBPI

- For SP's (Frederic Ozanam) : In a society that struggles to articulate a common project for society, we propose communities that celebrate and defend the dignity of each person - especially the smallest, weakest and most neglected - like Jesus, Prophet of the Kingdom. (SP – activists – justice – Blessed Frédéric Ozanam)
- For SJ's (Ignatius of Loyola): In a society that focuses on personal freedom and fulfillment, we propose communities of discernment where the search for the good, the true and the beautiful, sources of true authenticity and freedom, is enlightened by Jesus, Light of the world.

A final thought for today

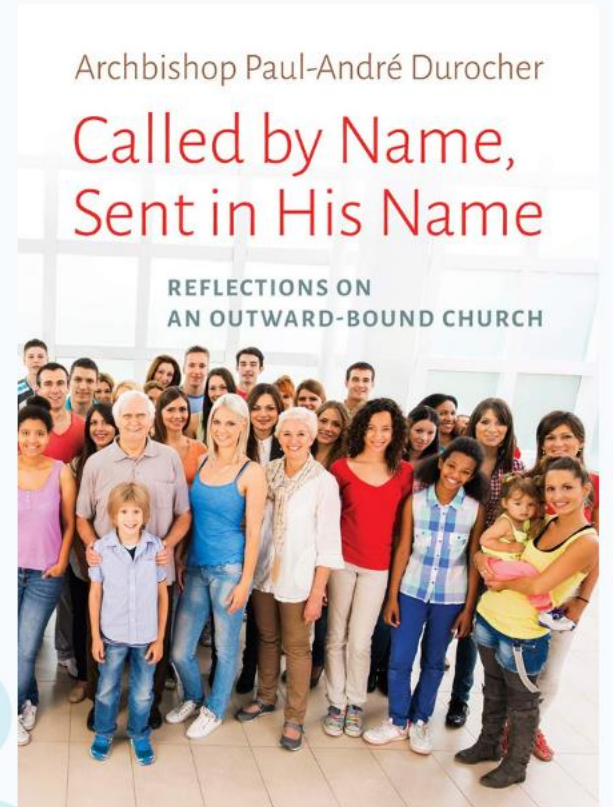
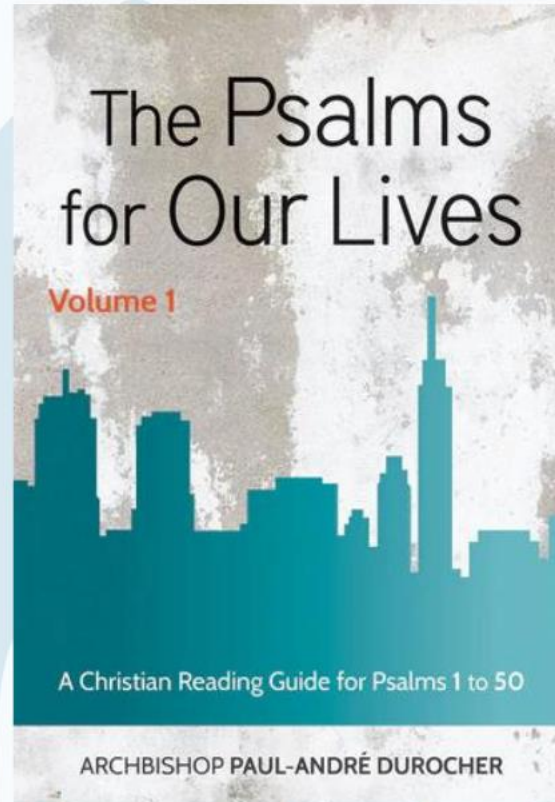
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You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world. (Pope Francis, GE)



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Communion, Participation and Mission

May 18, May 25, June 1, 2022

"Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit." – Pope Francis



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SESSION 1 (18 MAY)

Communion: Journeying Together

Keynote: Moira McQueen,
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Director, Canadian
Catholic Bioethics
Institute



Commentator:
David Dayler
Parish Lay Minister
St. Ann Parish
Hamilton Diocese

SESSION 2 (25 MAY)

Participation: A Co-responsibility

Keynote: Sister Chantal
Desmarais, SCSM
Pastoral Agent
Diocèse de Joliette



SESSION 3 (1 JUNE)

Going Forth: A Missionary Church

Keynote:
His Eminence Gérald
Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix
Archbishop of Québec and
Primate of Canada



All sessions will be held at 1:00 PM–2:30 PM EST.

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