



Session 1: Evangelization: Encounters of Hope

Keynote: Julianne Stantz

1. Julianne talks about four stages of a Christian's journey: Encounter (Pre-evangelization), Accompaniment (Evangelization), Community (Discipleship), and Mission (Missionary Discipleship). Our encounters with Jesus will be unique to our individual experiences.

How would you describe each of these stages of your faith journey?

2. *Read Jn 4:1–42.* What did you notice about the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the gospel narrative? How did Jesus act toward her and how did she respond?
3. How do Julianne's methodologies of hope, healing, hospitality, and 'pull strategies' (e.g., storytelling) help bring a person to Encounter Jesus?
4. Julianne says that "The Holy Spirit is the prime evangelizer" and that we are called to work with the Holy Spirit, as a Church, to evangelize and to reach out. Answering this call may require us to rethink all our past approaches and all our activities (cf. *Directory for Catechesis*, 303).

In my parish, what are pastoral activities that stopped bearing fruit a long time ago (e.g., bingo and fish fries)? How can we, as a parish community, rethink our pastoral activities with a missionary spirit and "have courage, go forward, make noise" as Pope Francis calls us to do? (Address to Youth from the Diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, 29 August, 2019.)

5. Are we spending more time triaging existing ministries or leaning into where the Holy Spirit is moving us? How are we raising up the next generation of saints from our time?
6. Are our pastoral activities centred in deep intercessory prayer?
7. How can we promote a culture of prayer for and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit?