



## Session 2: The Art of Accompaniment

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1. Fr. Frank quotes Pope Francis on accompaniment,

Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true freedom. (*Evangelli Gaudium*, 169)

How do I accompany others to Jesus through my ministries and pastoral activities?

2. What obstacles to our ministries and pastoral activities do we meet in today's societal and technological realities?
3. Fr. Frank reminds us that intimate communion with Christ should be brought about through a process of accompaniment (cf. *Directory for Catechesis*, 3).

How can we, with closeness and compassion, accompany our fellow missionary disciples, those to whom we minister, and others in our lives?

4. Pope Francis said the qualities of a mentor include:

Being a faithful Christian who engages with the Church and the world; someone who constantly seeks holiness; someone who is a confidant without judging. Similarly, someone who actively listens to the needs of young people and responds in kind; someone deeply loving and self-aware; someone who recognizes his or her limits and knows the joys and sorrows of the spiritual journey. (*Christus Vivit*, 246)

How can we cultivate a pastoral culture that seeks holiness, reserves judgement, listens, and recognizes limits?