



## CHA's Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Health Care Leaders

April 19 - 24, 2026

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# Welcome and Orientation



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## Table Introductions

Introduce yourself and say something good that is happening in your life!

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The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for us to experience a deeper and broader perspective of our health care ministry and to realize the worldwide nature of the Church's work.



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## Pilgrimage

A journey to a holy place ...

*A place where saints have walked.*

*A place where God has met people  
and blessed them.*

An opportunity to travel lightly,  
to walk free of daily routines ...

*Engages the body, mind and  
spirit.*

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# Welcome to the Eternal City

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# Why Rome?

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Pope Leo XIV addresses the faithful after delivering the Urbi et Orbi blessing - Latin for "to the city of Rome and to the world" - from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica at the end of Easter Mass he presided over in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, April 5, 2026. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

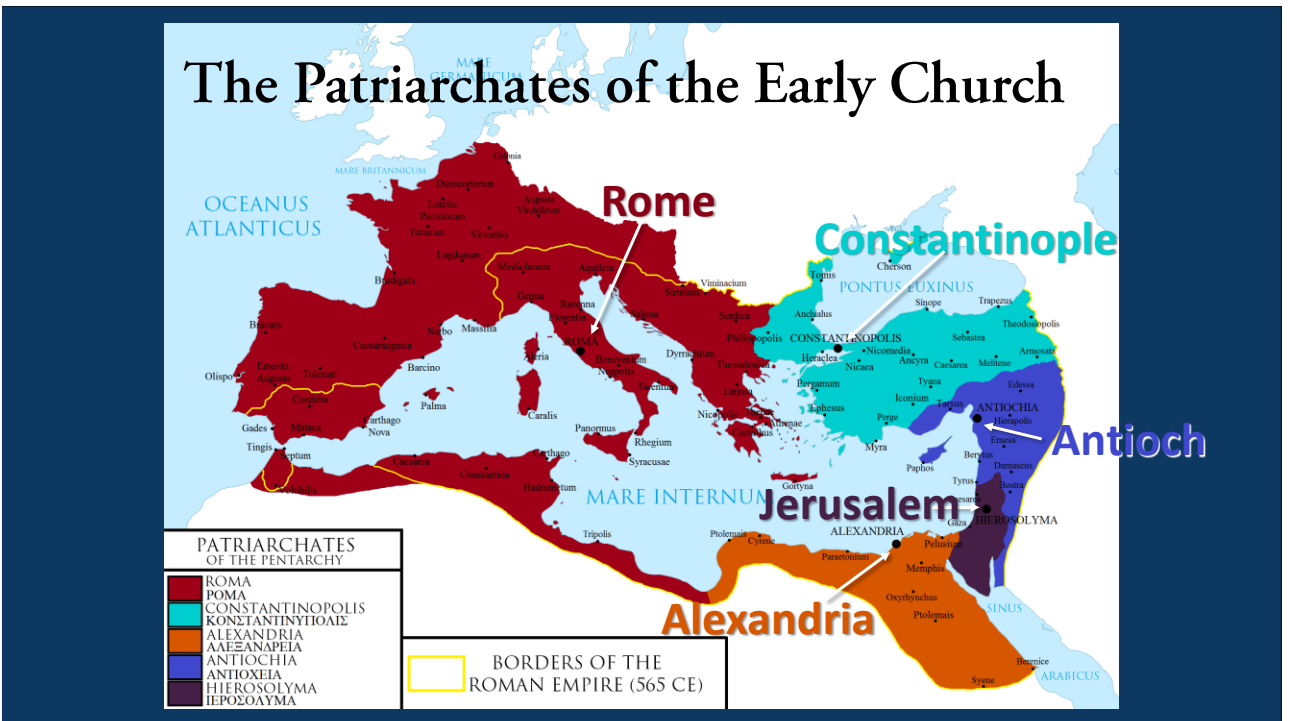
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## Why/How did Rome become the physical center of Catholicism?

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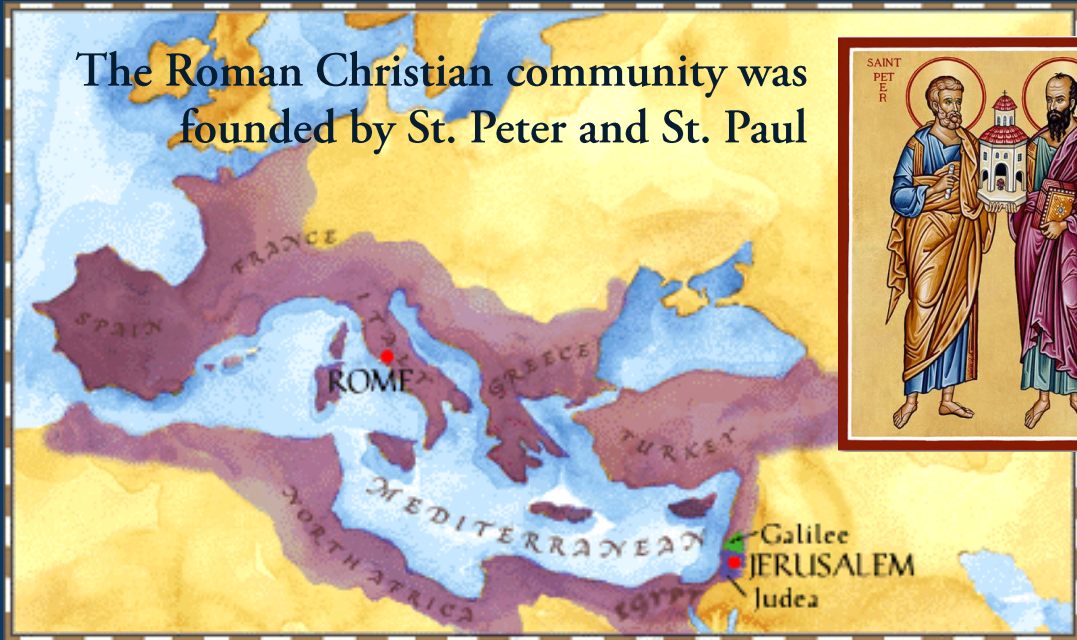


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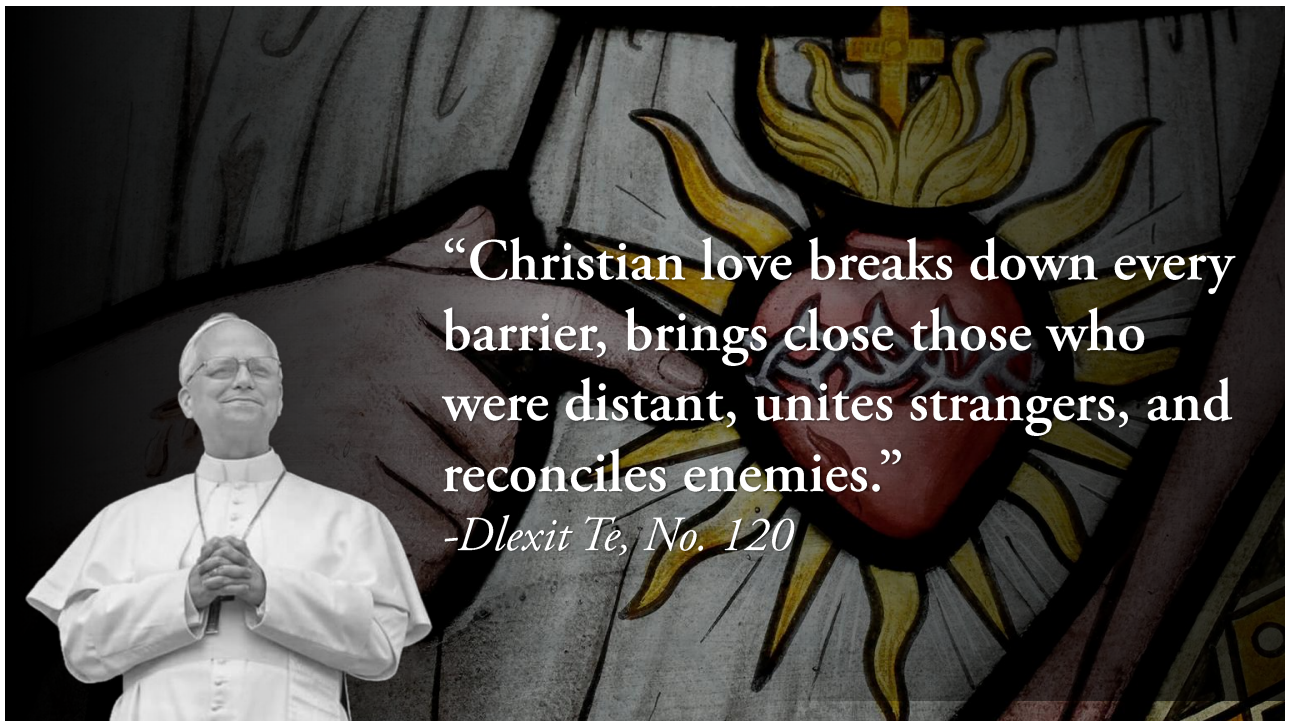


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The Roman Christian community was founded by St. Peter and St. Paul



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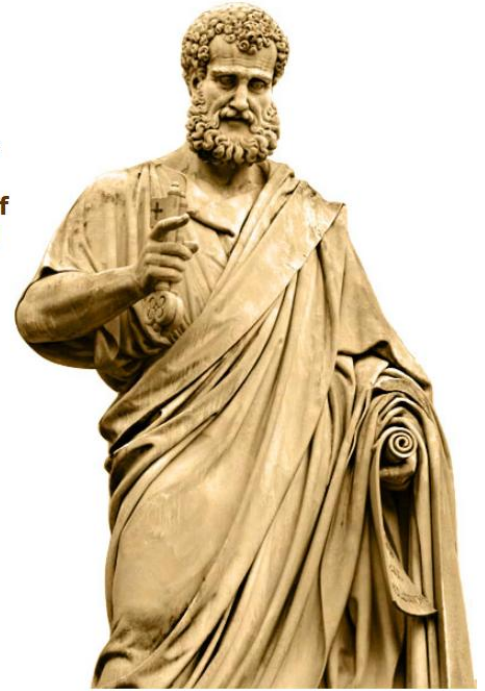


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*THE HOLY FATHER*

**The Roman Pontiff, as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible principle and foundation of unity of both the bishops and of the faithful.**  
*LUMEN GENTIUM, 23*



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Pope Leo XIV: Apostolic Journey to Türkiye  
Ecumenical Service, ancient Basilica of Saint Neophytos

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Rome is a place of history...

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Rome is history in layers...

STADIO DOMIZIANO

Before and After

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Pay attention to the clues



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JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

When are we here?

Jubilee Year of St. Francis  
1226 - 2026

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Where are we?

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Promote &  
Defend  
Human  
Dignity

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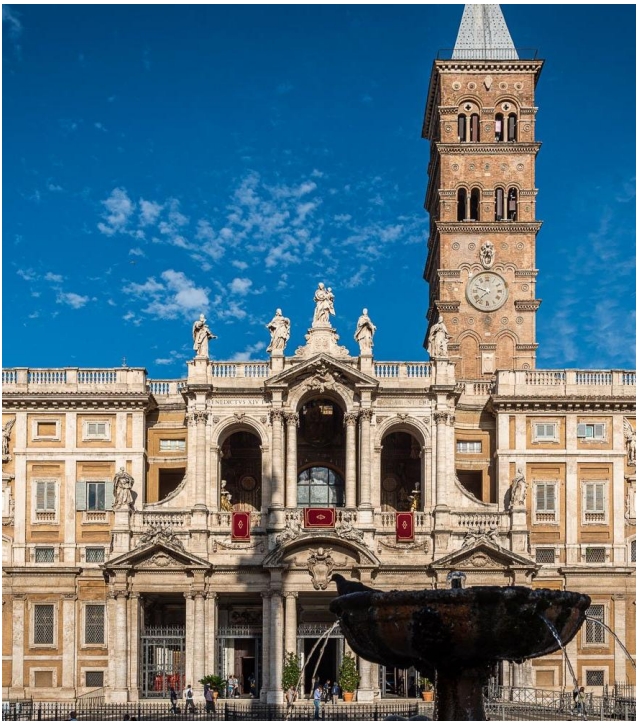
Act on Behalf  
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## Care for Poor and Vulnerable Persons

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## Promote the Common Good

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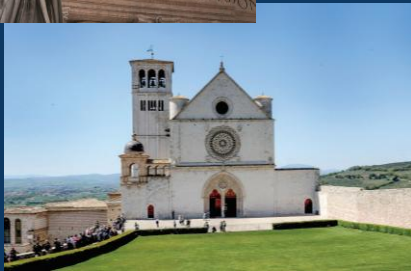
Serve as a  
Ministry of the  
Church

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Attend to the  
Whole Person

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Do you have any questions about the schedule or the program?

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Name and Role

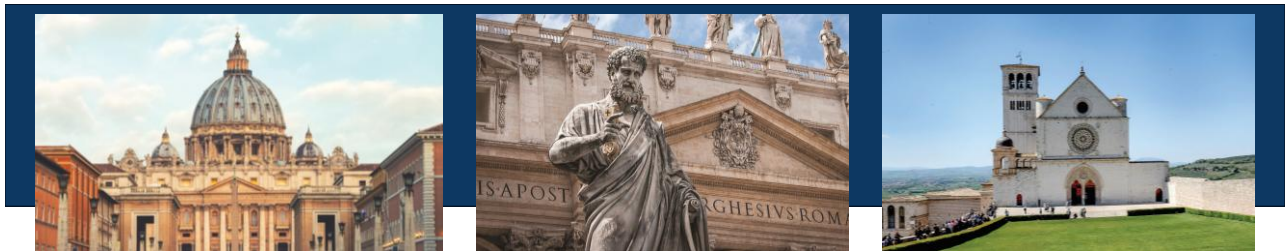
Why did you choose to serve in Catholic health care?

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# Setting the Context

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Come to a deeper understanding of a personal call to serve in health care ministry

Understand what it means to be a ministry of the Church

Gain greater insight into the spirit, structure and functioning of the Roman Catholic Church



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Explore the relationship between personal spirituality, ecclesial spirituality and the capacity to lead others in the healing ministry

Experience community with other leaders of Catholic health care and develop lasting friendships

Return home renewed and empowered to lead your organization and colleagues to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ



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Come to a deeper understanding of a personal call to serve in Catholic health care ministry



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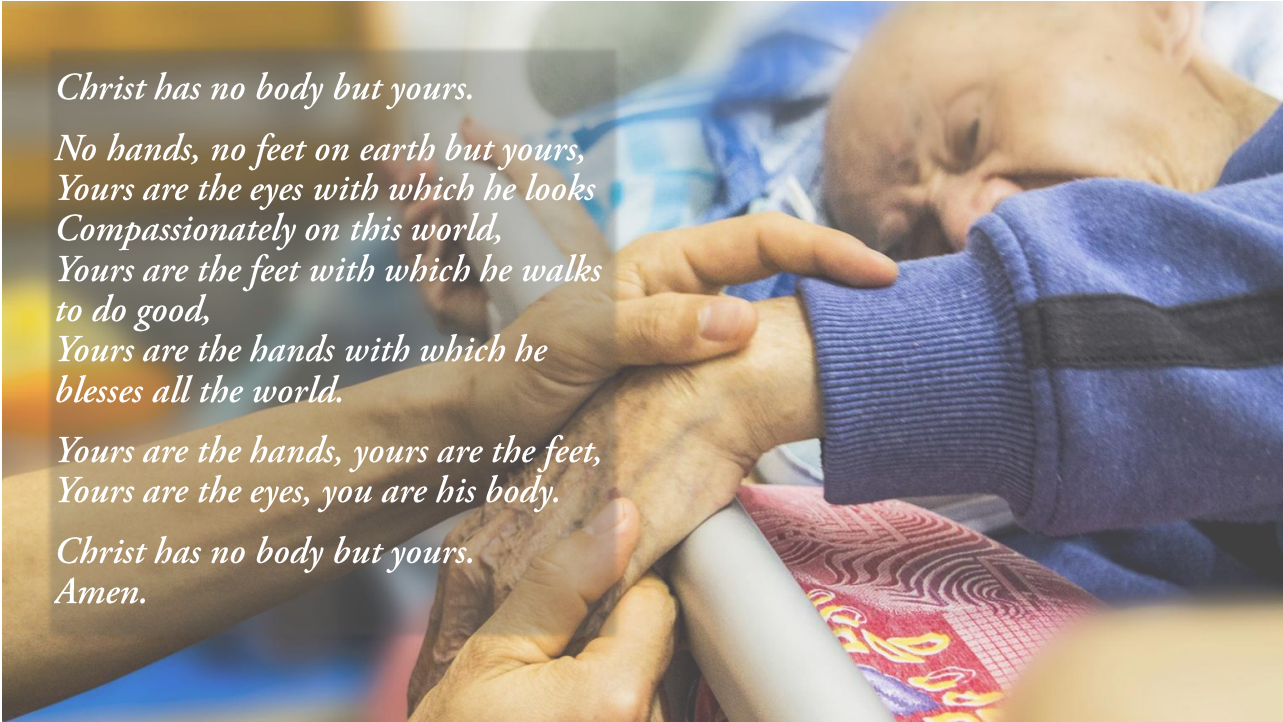
## Pilgrimage Intention

Turn to the person beside you and, only as you feel comfortable, share what this pilgrimage means to you and your intention for this time together.

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*Christ has no body but yours.  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
 Compassionately on this world,  
 Yours are the feet with which he walks  
 to do good,  
 Yours are the hands with which he  
 blesses all the world.  
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
 Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
 Christ has no body but yours.  
 Amen.*

Come to a deeper understanding of a personal call to serve in Catholic health care ministry

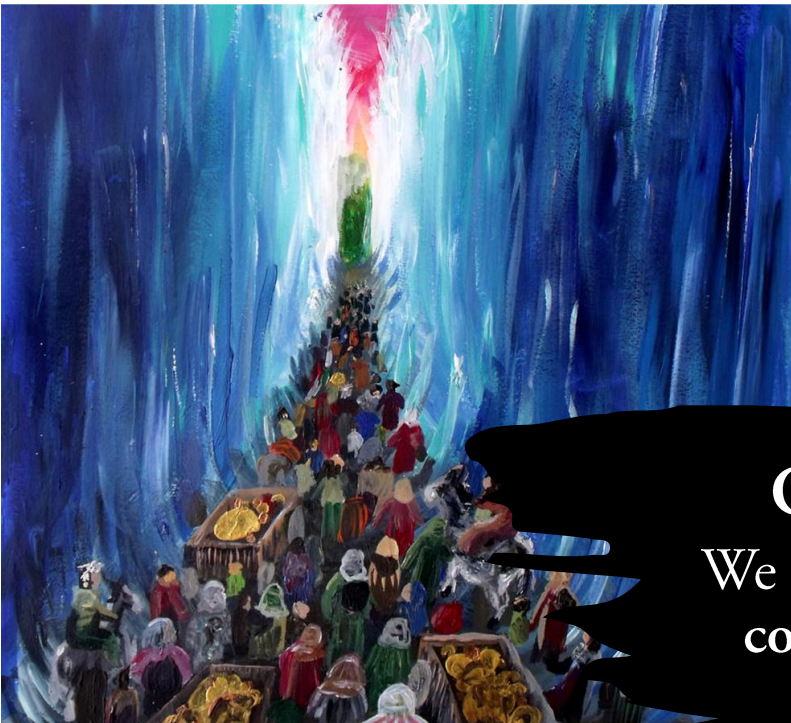




# CREATION

## God as Loving Creator

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# COVENANT

## We are a community in covenant with God.

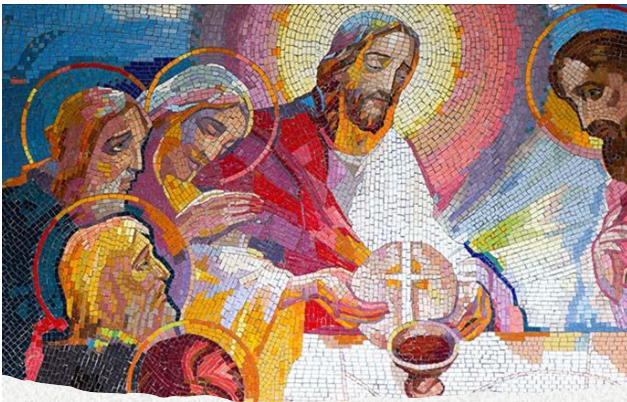
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# CO-CREATE

We are called to co-create with God.

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# CHRIST

The incarnation of Christ teaches us about the fullness of our humanity and the nature of God.

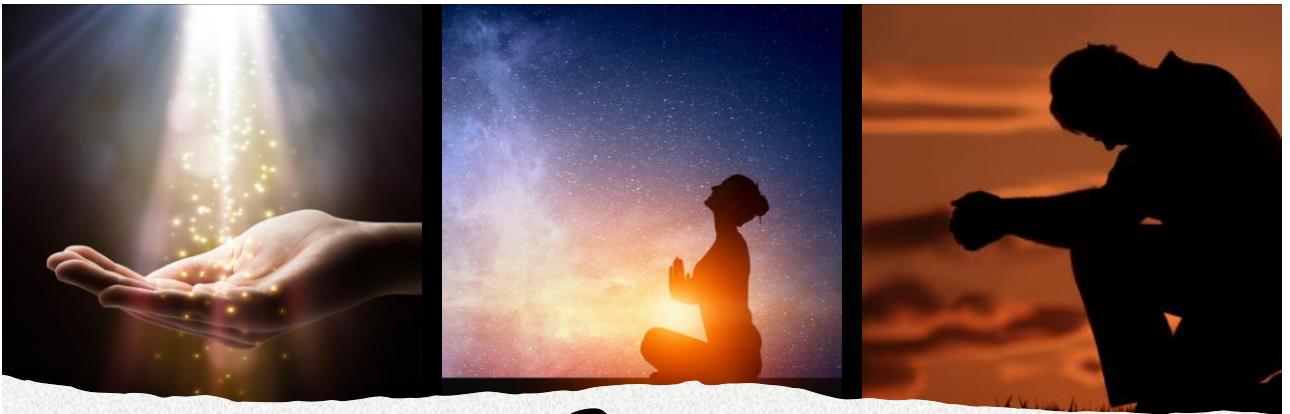
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## COMMISSIONED

We are called and commissioned to witness to God's love, the truth of grace, and the Kingdom of God.

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## CALLING: SACRED VOCATION

"Leadership as a calling requires cultivating an inner life or consciousness that starts with "a deep sense of mystery, awe, and awareness of oneself, others and of the Divine...it is a response to a vocation heard in the depths of one's heart"

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## Discussion Question

As a leader in Catholic Health Care ministry, what am I being CALLED to receive on this pilgrimage as a gift for myself, and to bring home for the sake of others?

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## Act on Behalf of Justice

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## To Serve Within the Catholic Church

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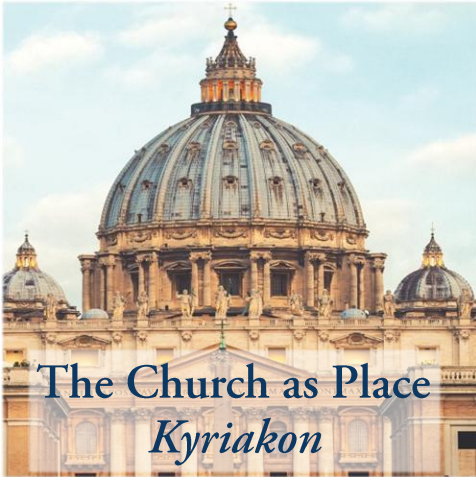
# What is Church?

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## Church in the Catholic Tradition

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A Multi-  
Dimensional  
Church

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## Institution

*Roman Catholics are:*

*A community of followers of Jesus Christ, sharing a common faith, sacramental life and discipline, under the authority of a bishop who is in communion with the bishop of Rome, the Pope.*

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## Servant

*Always in service and dialogue with the world, with communities. And most of all, assisting persons with a vast variety of needs.*

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## Herald

*“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”*

*We proclaim the good news*

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## Sacrament

*Church is a visible sign of Christ in the world today.*

*Expresses the visible (human) and invisible (Divine) nature of the Church.*

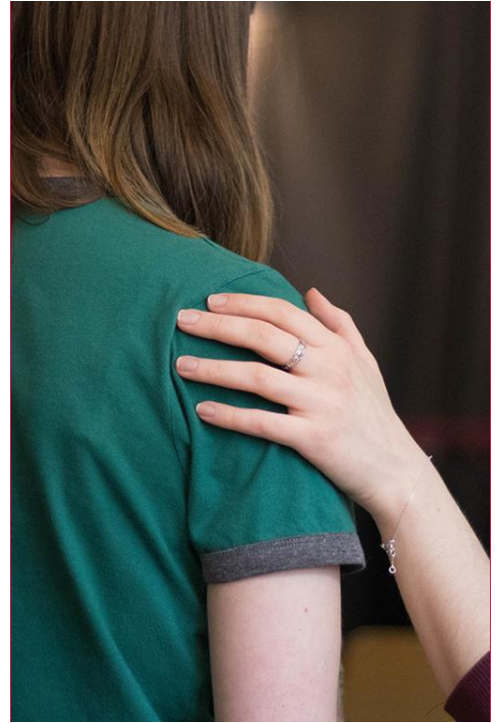


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# Community

*We are in mysterious and intimate  
spiritual union with ...  
ourselves / each other/ our world  
... with God through Jesus Christ*

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# Mystical Communion

*All members of the Church,  
through their common baptism,  
share in the same call:*

*To holiness*

*To witness to the Gospel in the world*

*To works of service and charity*

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# THE MODELS OF THE CHURCH



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What is new to you,  
or that you are  
hearing in a new way,  
about the models of  
the Catholic Church?

**Church as:**

- † Servant
- † Community
- † Herald
- † Sacrament
- † Institution
- † Mystical Communion



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# To Serve Within the Catholic Church

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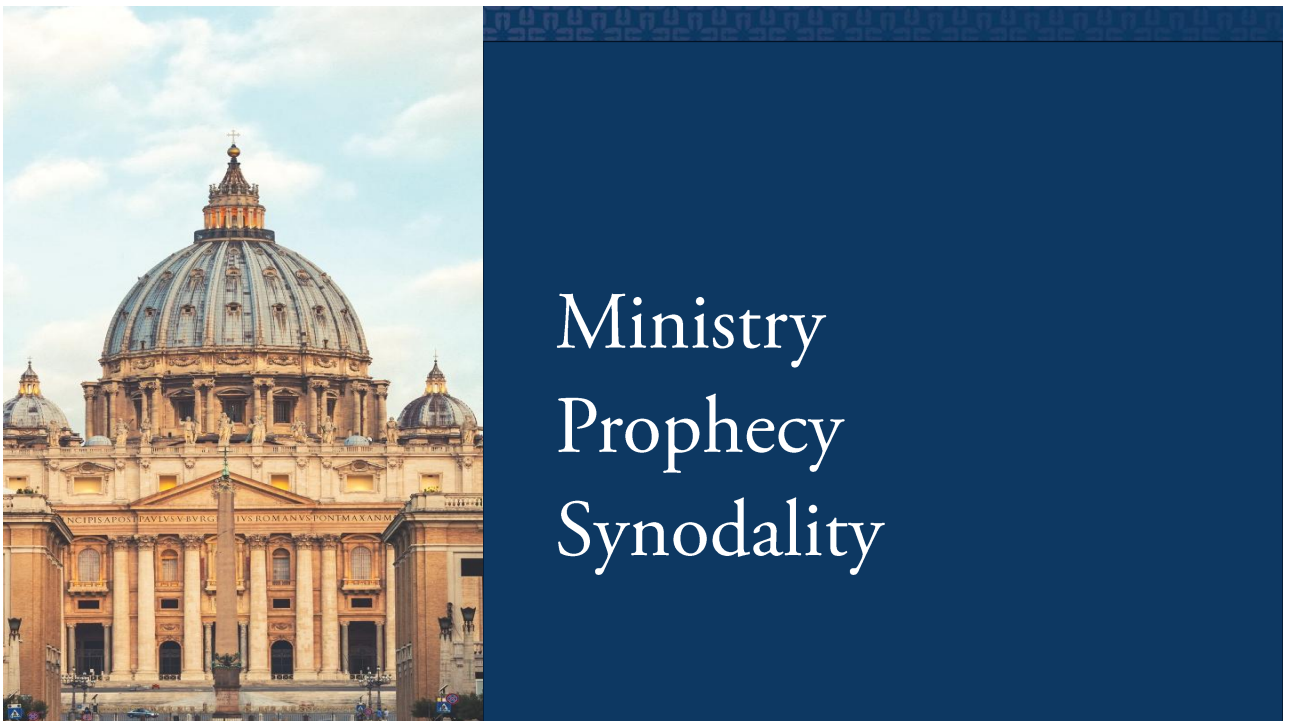


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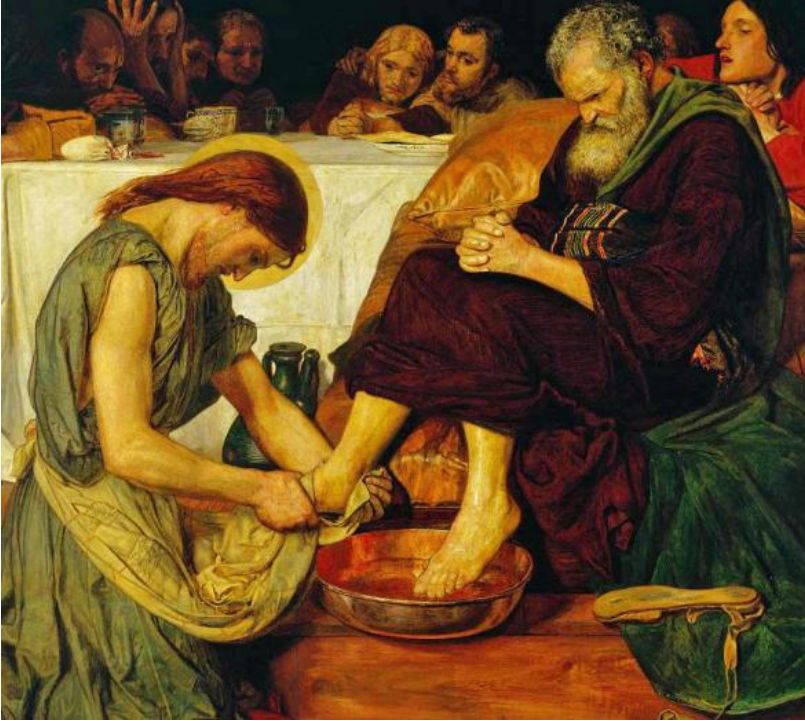
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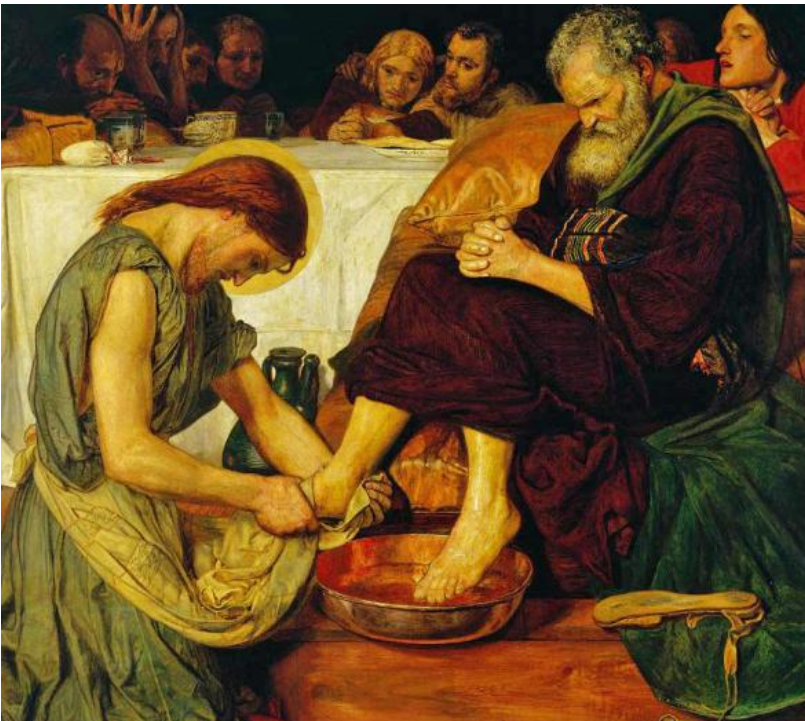


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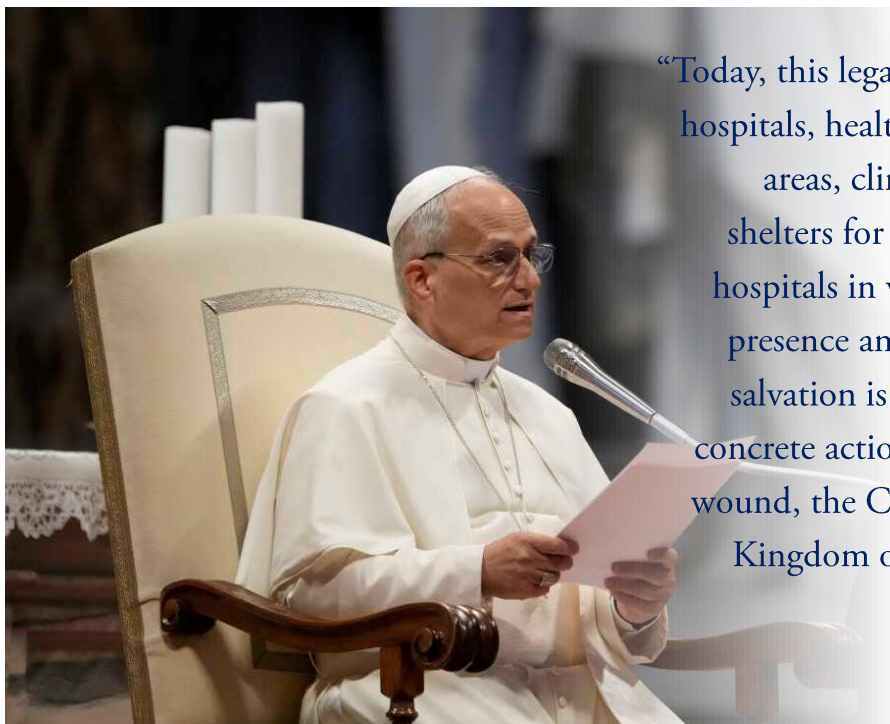
## Ministry

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Christian ministry is the public activity of a baptized follower of Jesus Christ flowing from the Spirit's charism and an individual personality on behalf of a Christian community to proclaim, serve, and realize the kingdom of God

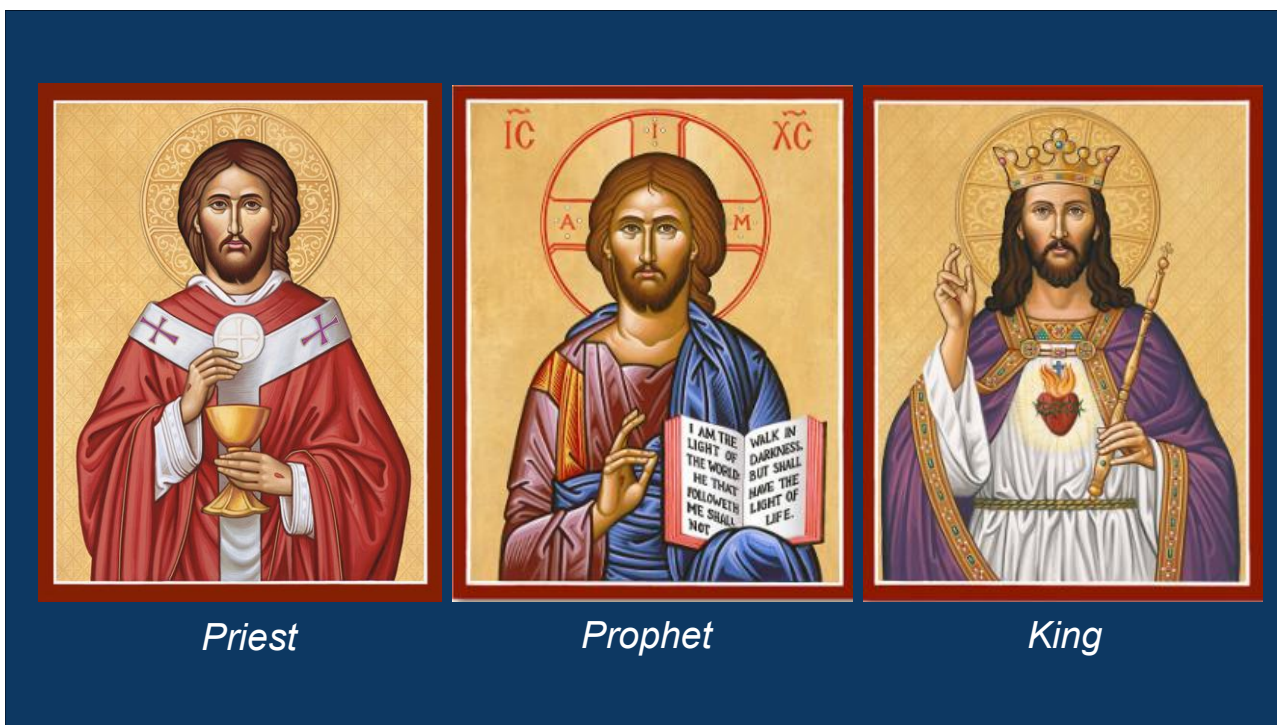
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“Today, this legacy continues in Catholic hospitals, healthcare facilities in remote areas, clinics operating in jungles, shelters for drug addicts and in field hospitals in war zones. The Christian presence among the sick reveals that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action. In the act of healing a wound, the Church proclaims that the Kingdom of God begins among the most vulnerable.”

Pope Leo XVI , *Dilexit Te*, No. 52

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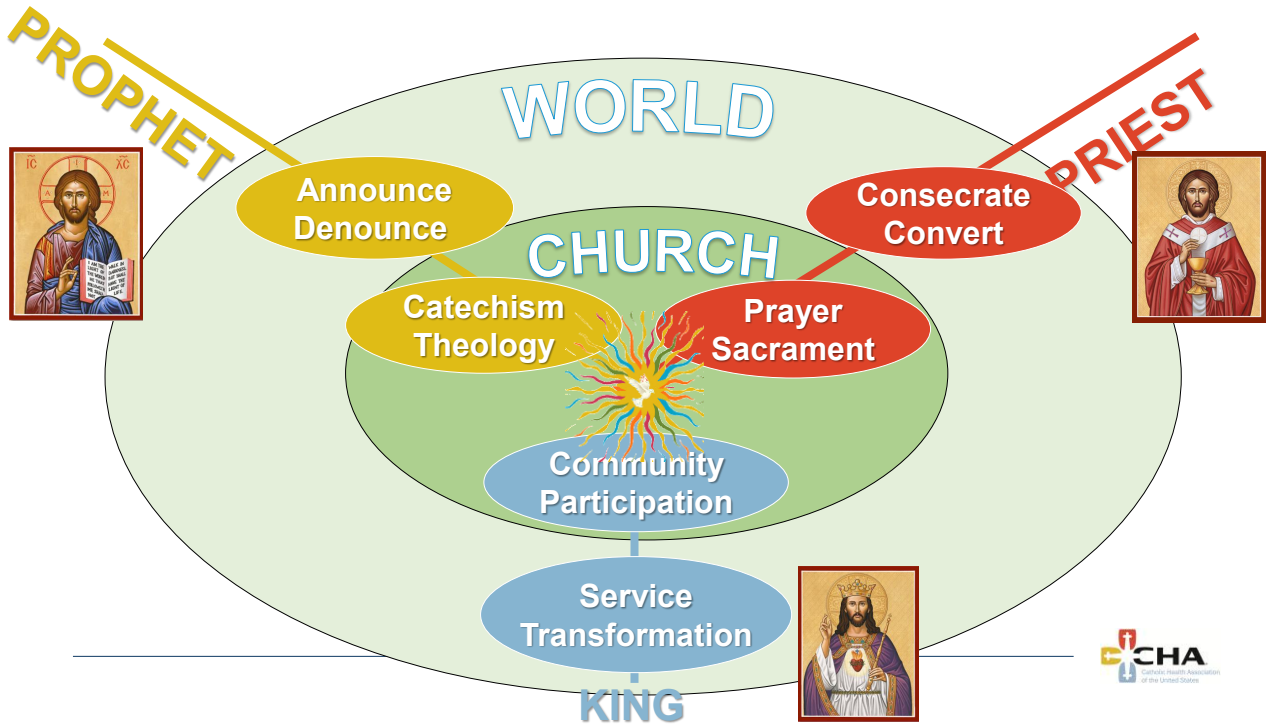


Priest

Prophet

King

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How is your work  
a ministry of the Church?



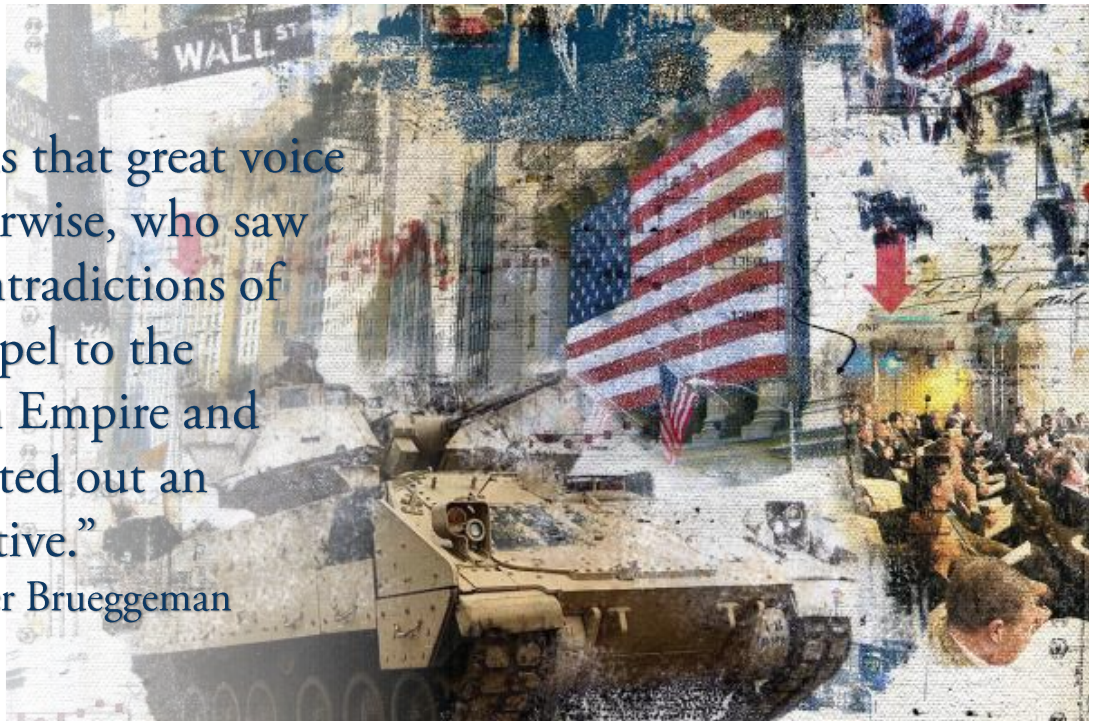
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# Prophecy Prophetic Vocation

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"Jesus is that great voice of otherwise, who saw the contradictions of the gospel to the Roman Empire and who acted out an alternative."

-Walter Brueggeman

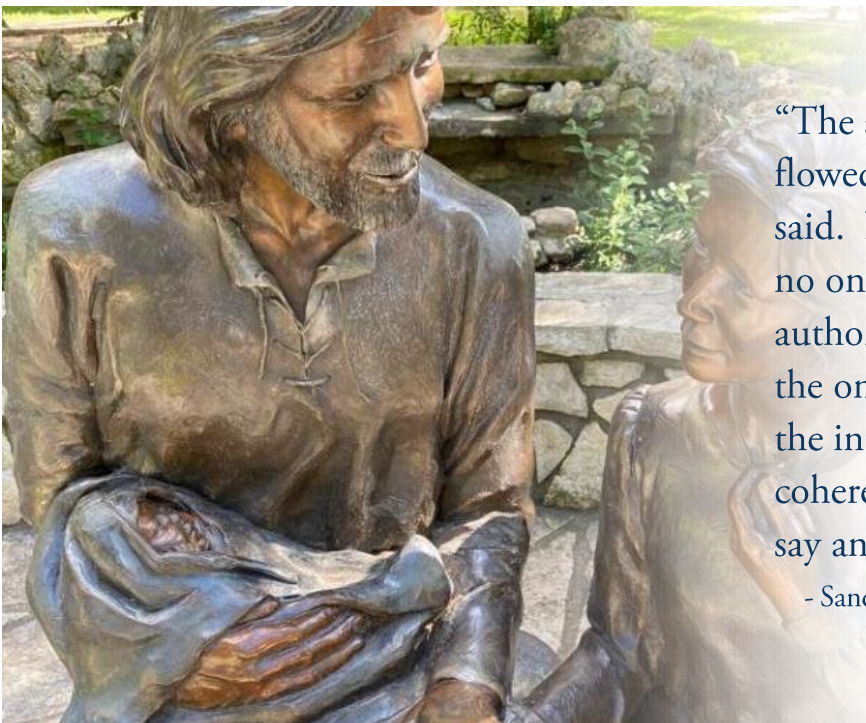


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What does prophetic ministry look like?

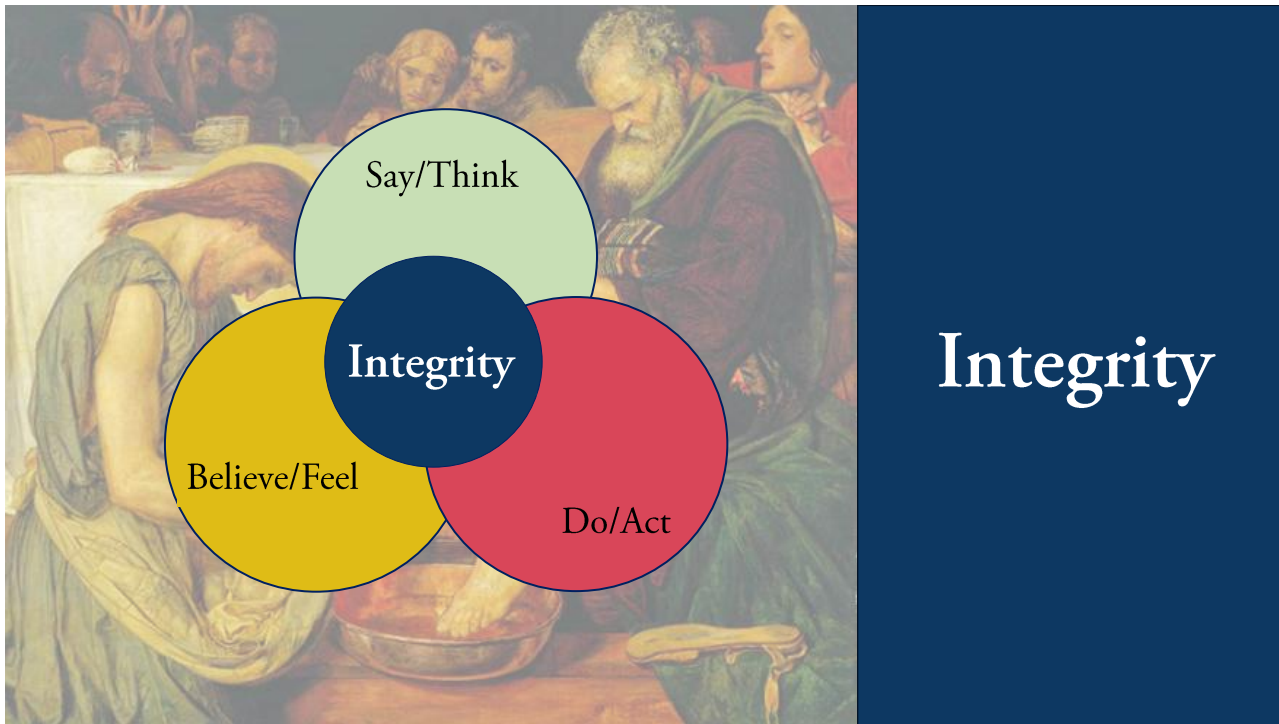
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“The authority of Jesus flowed from what he did and said. No one can confer and no one can “claim” moral authority. It belongs only to the one who earns it by the integrity of their life, the coherence between what they say and what they live.”

- Sandra Schneiders, IHM

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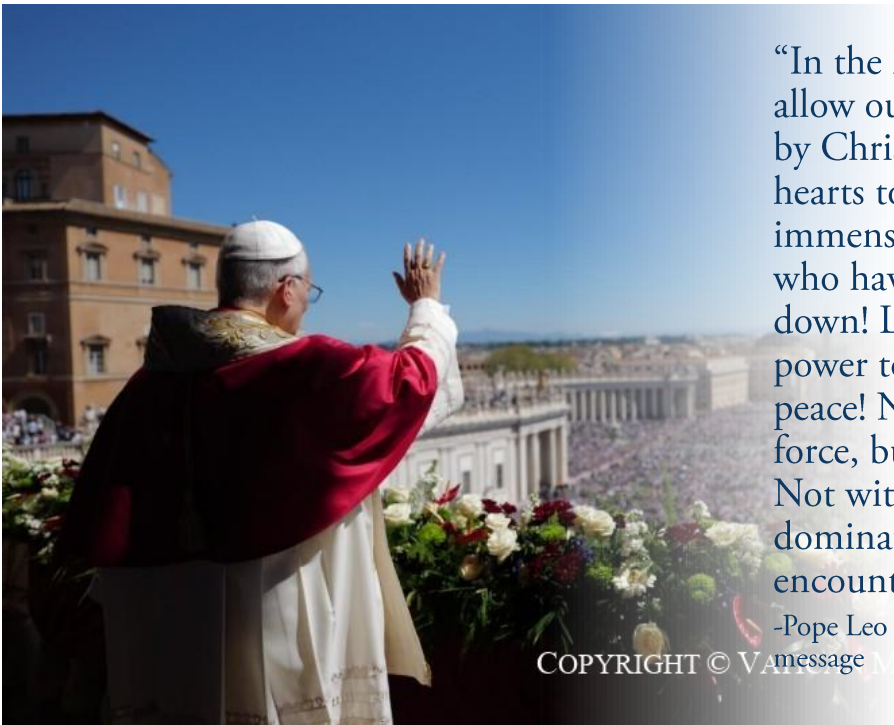


*Prophetic Voice*

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Which continues today...



“In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!”

-Pope Leo XIV, *Urbi et Orbi* Easter

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# How is Catholic health care called to find its prophetic voice today?



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Members of the Synod on Synodality gather for a group photo on Oct. 26, 2024. | Photo by Vatican Media.



## Synodality

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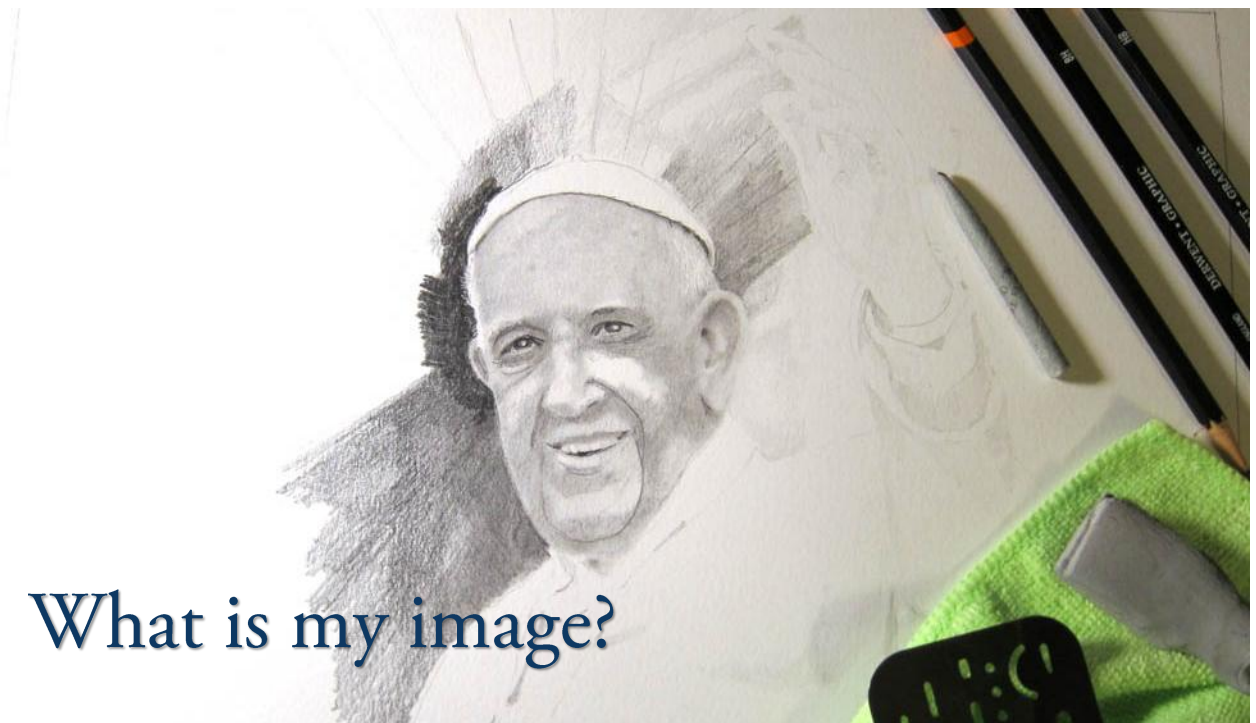
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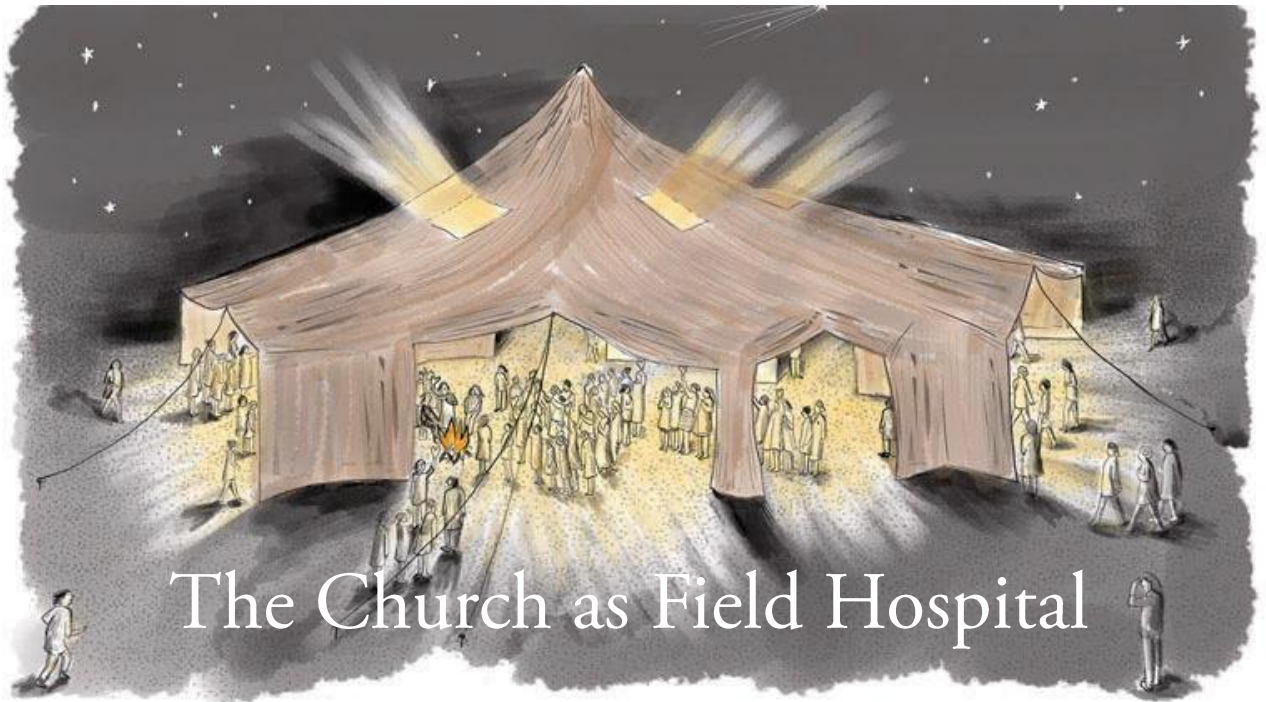
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## The Church as Field Hospital

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“...The relation between **place and space** leads us also to reflect on the Church as “**home**”. When it is not thought of as a closed space, inaccessible, to be defended at all costs, the image of home evokes the possibility of welcome, hospitality, and inclusion. Creation itself is our common home, where members of the one human family live with all other creatures.”

*No. 115, For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission, Final Document, 2024*

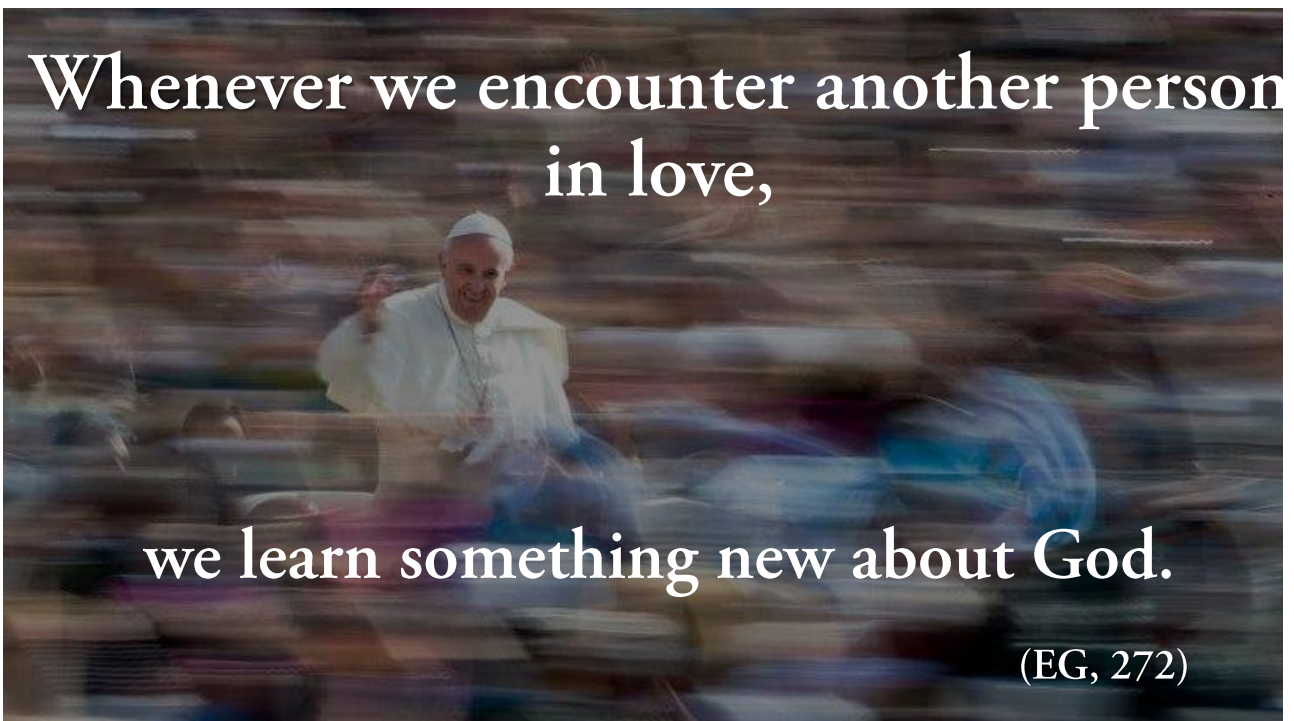
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Called to be  
a listening Church

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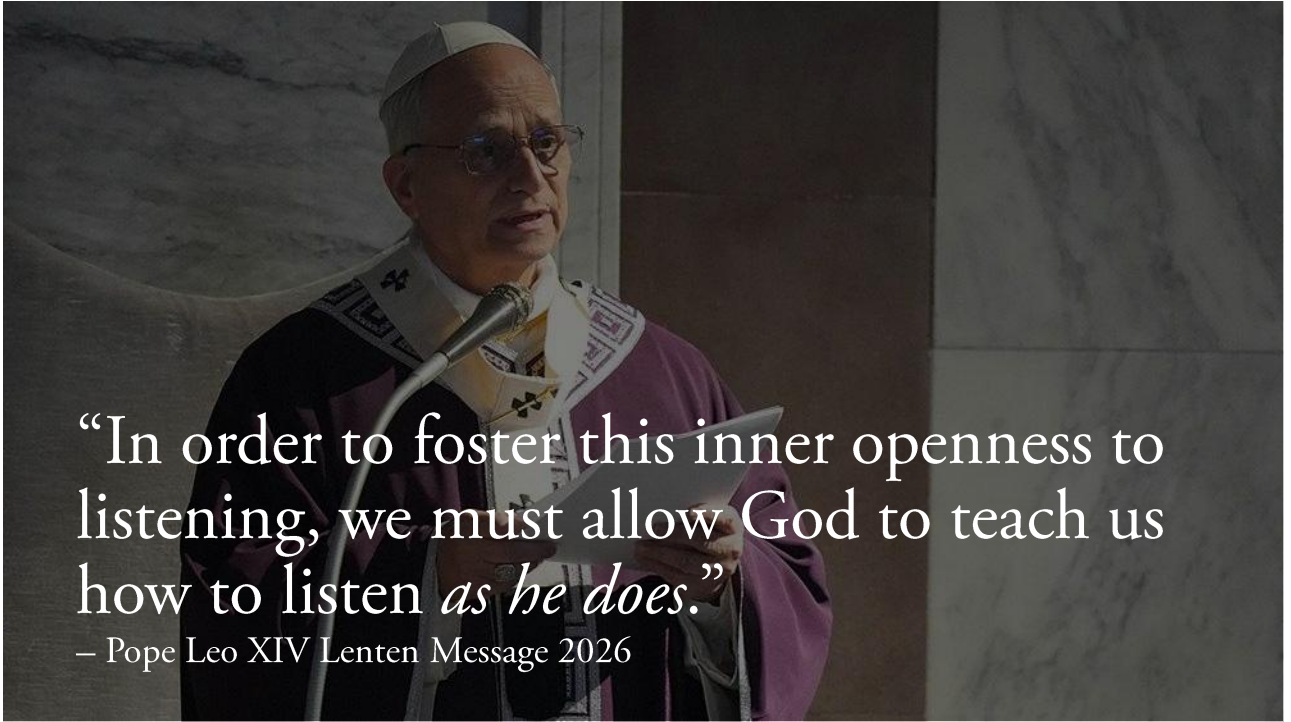


Whenever we encounter another person  
in love,

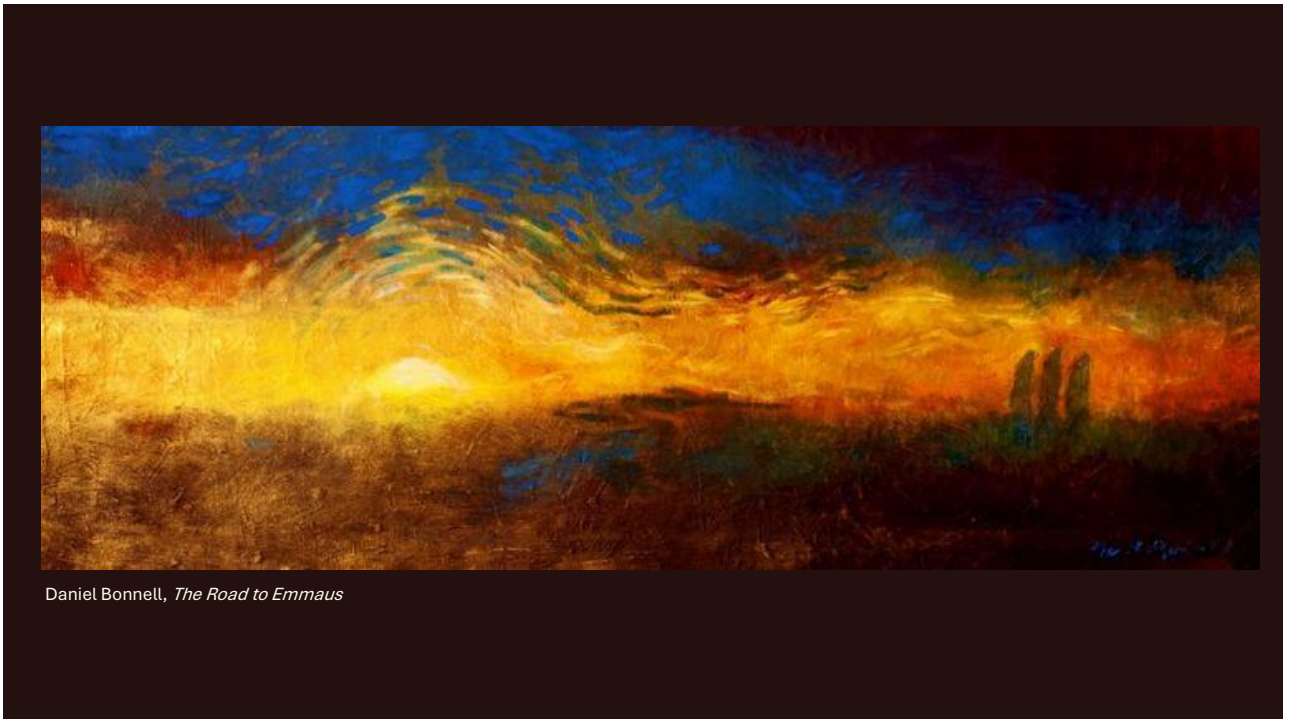
we learn something new about God.

(EG, 272)

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Daniel Bonnell, *The Road to Emmaus*

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“Jesus never sent anyone away without stopping to listen and to speak to them, whether men or women, Jews or pagans, doctors of the law or publicans, righteous men and women or sinners, beggars, the blind, lepers or the sick.”

*Synod Final Document, No. 51*

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# How are we blessed and graced by being a ministry of the Church?



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# Spirituality: Personal & Institutional

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## Spirituality

Deep sense of ultimate purpose and meaning

Essence & Transcendence

The recognition of one's connection to all



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# Spirituality



“The good,  
the beautiful  
and the true.”

*Vatican II*

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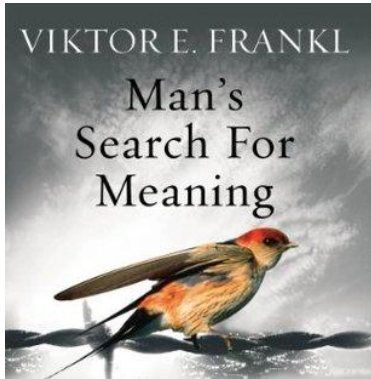
# Spirituality

*Spiritual Needs*

- Meaning and purpose
- Relationship and love
- Reconciliation and hope

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# Meaning and Purpose



“Our search for meaning is the primary motivation in life – the something for the sake of which we live ... SPIRIT is who we are.”

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## Relationship and Love

Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. The person who loves is a participant in the being of God.

*Martin Luther King*

When you are in right relationship with someone you have to offer the best you have. The best thing we can offer another person is our true presence.

*Thich Nhat Hanh*



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# Reconciliation and Hope



“To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace.” *Pope Francis*

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## *Spirituality and Leadership*

### Meaning and Purpose

“Individual and organizational well-being is created through meaning-making and purpose-based value decision making.”



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## Leadership in Catholic Health Care

“Your spirituality is not separate from your leadership but informs the ways you show up professionally.”

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### *Discussion: Personal Spirituality*



What gives your life meaning and purpose, a sense of Spirit/Sacredness? How would you explain why?

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# Spirituality: Personal & Institutional

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## Spirituality & Leadership in Catholic Health Care



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# Ecclesial Spirituality

We receive.

We believe.

We are changed.

We go out.



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## Why Do We “Go Out”?

### Our Commitment

- To give witness to the love of Christ expressed in the dignity of every person

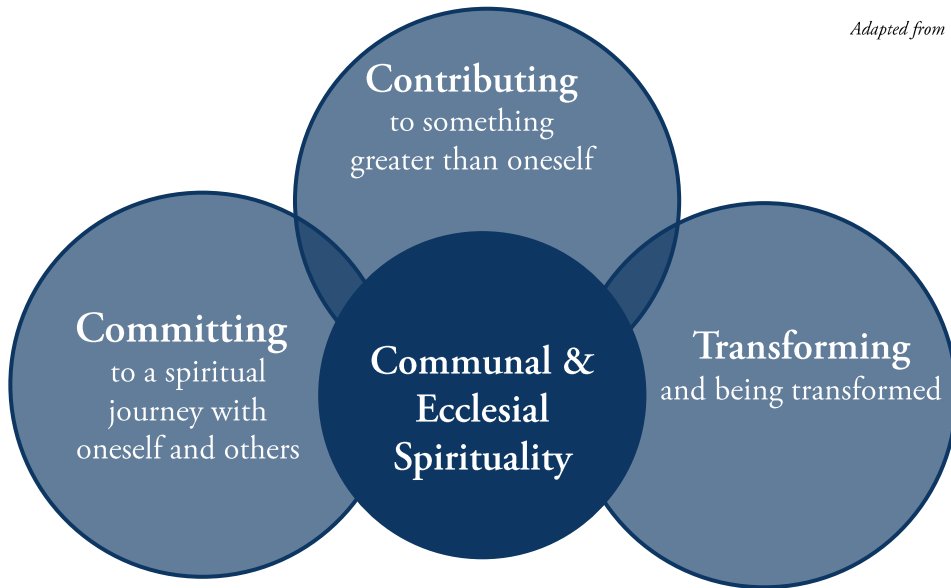
### Our Contribution

- To serve the common good and co-create

### Our Transformation

- A foretaste of the Reign of God

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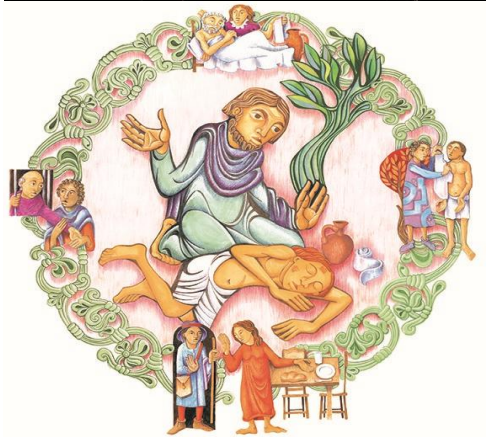


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## Commitment

- Gospel values
- Spiritual journey
- Common good



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## Contribution

- Mission
- Presence
- Giftedness



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## Transformation

- Receiving
- Giving Thanks
- Sharing



How are you committing to a spiritual journey – personally and communally/organizationally?



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## Spiritual Journey



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## Relationships as Church: A conversation with Sr. Patricia Murray, SJ

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### Women in the life and mission of the Church

There is, then, a call for a strong commitment on the part of the Church to accompany and understand women in all aspects of their lives, including pastoral and sacramental ones. Women, it says, "cry out for justice in societies still marked by sexual violence, economic inequality and the tendency to treat them as objects" (9 c), adding "Pastoral accompaniment and vigorous advocacy for women should go hand in hand".



Pope Francis with some of the women participating in the synodal assembly

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# Pilgrimage

A journey to a holy place...

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Liminal space

Sacred encounter

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# Pilgrimage to Assisi

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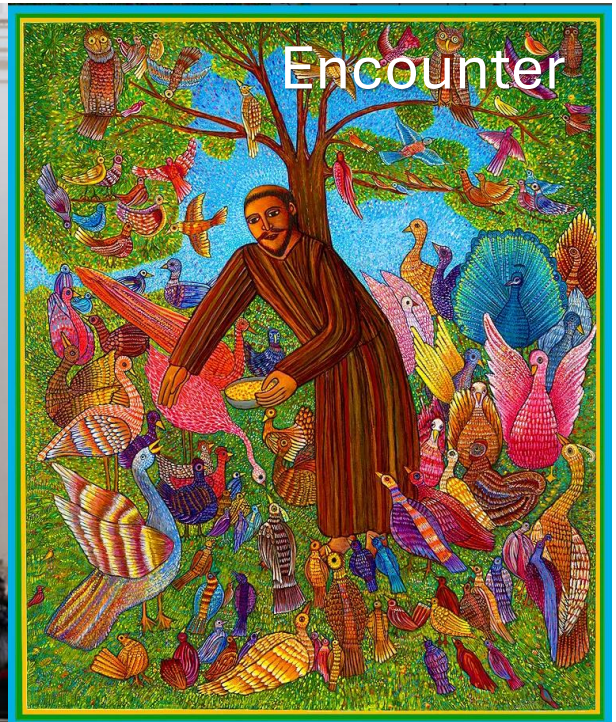
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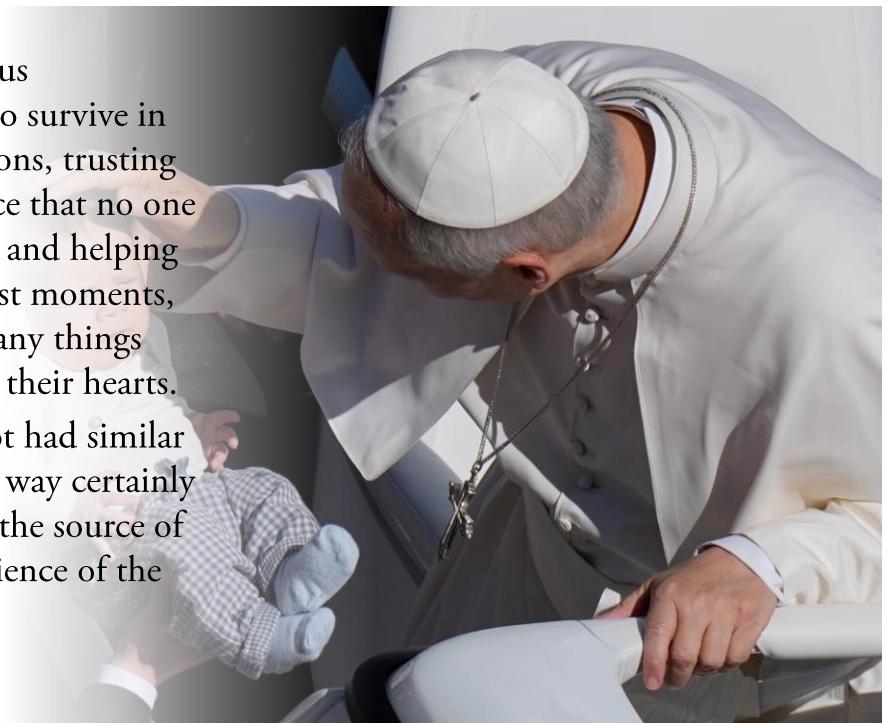
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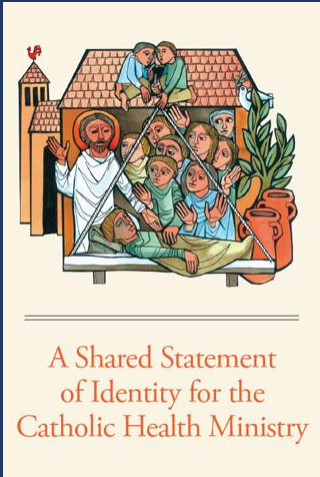
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“Growing up in precarious circumstances, learning to survive in the most adverse conditions, trusting in God with the assurance that no one else takes them seriously, and helping one another in the darkest moments, the poor have learned many things that they keep hidden in their hearts. Those of us who have not had similar experiences of living this way certainly have much to gain from the source of wisdom that is the experience of the poor.”

*-Dilexit Te*



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“We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion, and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved, and most vulnerable.”



Pope Leo XIV and Franciscan friars pray before the tomb of St. Francis in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, Nov. 20, 2025. (CNS/Vatican Media)

What would Francis say to us about our  
commitment to care for the poor and  
most vulnerable?

What would Francis say about our  
commitment to care for creation?





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## Reflection and Integration

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## Promote the Common Good

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"... the biblical mandate to care for the poor requires us to express this in concrete action at all levels of Catholic health care... The common good is realized when economic, political, and social conditions ensure protection for the fundamental rights of all individuals and enable all to fulfill their common purpose and reach their common goals."

--The Social Responsibility of Catholic Health Care Services, E.R.D.s



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Our harvest...

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Sifting...

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## Discussion Question

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# Attend to the Whole Person

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## PROMOTE AND DEFEND HUMAN DIGNITY

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# ACT ON BEHALF OF JUSTICE

Explore the relationship between personal spirituality, organizational spirituality and the capacity to lead others in the healing ministry

Understand what it means to be a ministry of the Church.



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# CARE FOR POOR AND VULNERABLE PERSONS

Pilgrimage to Assisi

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# PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD

Pilgrimage to the Papal Basilicas



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# ACT AS A MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

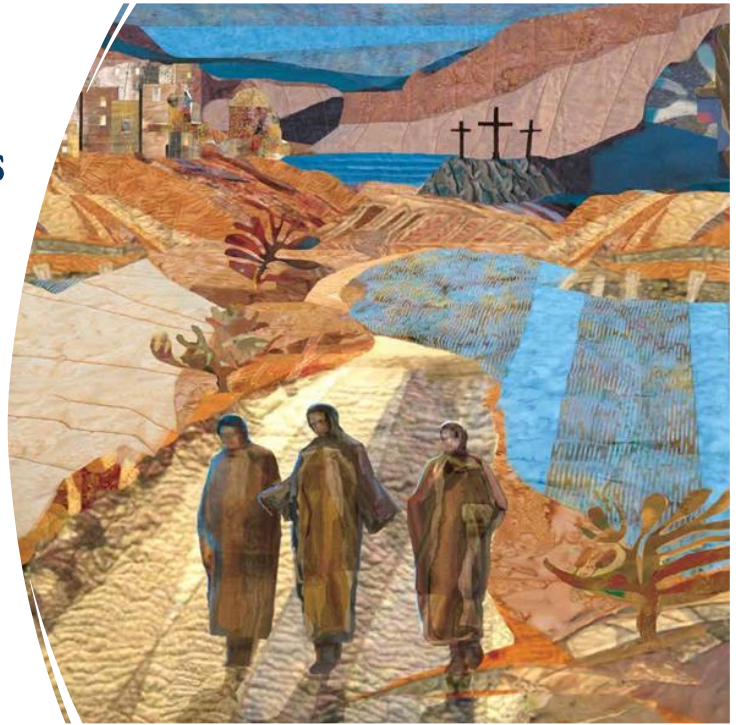


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## The Walk to Emmaus

- Head – Information
- Heart – Formation
- Hands – Transformation



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