

CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

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Session 3

Walking Together with Jesus

Reflect

How did Session 3 prepare you to better accompany people in your faith community and in the peripheries?

What was the most important thing you learned in this session?

“An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time. Faithful to the Lord’s gift, it also bears fruit.” (EG, 24)



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Engage

Missionary Action

Pope Francis, in a message on the importance of the family given in 2019, says, "A home is a *domestic Church* in which to experience communion and offer the example of worship, of a life lived in faith, hope and charity." The family, as the domestic church, can be a source of the experience of accompaniment. Reach out to a family for your missionary action. This could be your own family or another family in the community. As you discern accompaniment, how do you understand Pope Francis's words above?

During the check-in, share an experience in which God accompanied you during a difficult time in your life. Identify what gift God gave you to overcome this situation-such as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. Your sharing should last no more than 10-15 minutes.

Use the questions below to assist in the conversation:

- How has God accompanied you during challenging times in your life? How does the family exemplify this accompaniment?
- Has the Catholic Church helped you face difficult situations? If yes, how?
- What can the Catholic Church do to welcome you and accompany you in your life? What gifts and talents do you bring to help the Catholic Church?

At the end of the conversation, offer to pray with them and assure them of your support. When you finish your conversation, jot down some notes from your conversation in the DISCERN & WRITE section below.

Discern and Write

How has God already been involved in the lives of the person or family that you visited?

Considering the obstacles they face, in what ways can the Church respond?