

CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

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Encounter Mission Journal

Session 4

Bearing Fruits of New Life

Reflect

How did Session 4 prepare you to better understand you own gifts and talents and those of others?

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

Engage

Missionary Actions

Make a commitment to learn more about the ways the Church reaches out to people in the local and global peripheries. Find out what social ministries are present in your parish or diocese. Here are some websites you can visit about important ministries the Church carries out:

- Diocesan Social Action Office - <https://www.ccdocle.org/service-areas/diocesan-social-action-office>
- Diocese of Cleveland Parish Life Ministry - <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life>

Share something you've learned about the services offered through the Diocese or at the parish with others and invite them to some way support the outreaches of the Parish and the Diocese

“An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient at the weeds. The sower, when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear. The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God’s word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed.” (EG, 24)



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Discern and Write

What did you learn about the social mission of the Catholic Church after this session’s missionary activity?

How can your gifts and talents help to better serve your faith community and those living in the periphery?

What can you and your parish/movement/group do to more adequately serve the poor, vulnerable, and displaced in the periphery and let them know that they truly belong to your community?

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Encounter Prayer

God of infinite Mercy,
you sent your Risen Son
to encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.
Grant us today a missionary spirit
and send us forth to encounter
our sisters and brothers:

to walk with them in friendship,
to listen to their hopes and dreams
with compassion,
and to proclaim your Word with courage,
so that they might come to know you once again
in the breaking of the Bread.

Make us all missionary disciples, and stay with us always,
as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel
with people of all generations,
from every race, language, culture, and nation.

We ask you this with burning hearts,
filled with the Holy Spirit,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and through the loving intercession of
our Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Star of the New Evangelization in the Americas.
Amen.



Mary, Star of the New Evangelization
Mount Angel Abbey