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Discussion Questions for the Keynote Sessions

Use the following discussion questions to help you and your parish team unpack the content of the CPS keynotes. You can watch the sessions [here](#).

Keynote 1 – Darkness Upon the Face of the Deep | Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce

– [Watch the keynote beginning at 11:00](#)

1. How do the stories of the physical flood and the spiritual flood in our culture resonate with your personal experience within your parish community?
2. Who are the “Helenas” in your parish or community – those who are spiritually searching and feeling lost? How can your parish better identify and support these individuals?
3. How can your parish transition from being an “island” to becoming a “rescue ship” on a mission? What steps need to be taken to initiate this change?

Keynote 2 – Let There Be Light: Leading with Hope and Vision | Fr. James Mallon

– [Watch the keynote beginning at 14:00](#)

1. Fr. James emphasises that for a parish to transition effectively from maintenance to mission, there must be a profound shift in identity from inward focus to outward mission. What steps are you taking, or can you take, to foster this identity shift among parishioners?
2. “Vision may be discussed in the boardroom, but it is formed in the prayer room.” What are some practical ways that your parish can rely on intercessory prayer to form vision for your parish?
3. “If you’re not feeling it, you’re never going to lead it.” What are the realities in your parish that move you in your ‘gut’ (*splankna*)? How might these passions help you form your parish vision?

Keynote 3 – Lights to Govern the Day and Night: Empowered Leadership in a Hungry World | Michelle Moran

– [Watch the keynote beginning at 1:19:17](#)

1. Michelle says that “Leadership is a calling.” Do I see myself as a leader? Why or why not? How do I respond to the truth that my baptism means I am called into leadership?



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2. What challenges have you observed in your parish that hinder individuals from fully embracing their roles as leaders? How can these barriers be addressed to foster a culture where everyone feels empowered to contribute meaningfully?
3. In what ways can we better integrate discernment into our leadership practices, ensuring that decisions and actions are guided by the Holy Spirit rather than mere human expertise?

Keynote 4 – Made in God’s Image: Healing in Leadership | Sr. Miriam James Heidland

- [Watch the keynote beginning at 29:26](#)

1. Sr. Miriam defined kindness as “tender strength”. How do you experience Jesus’ tender strength in your life? Your leadership?
2. As we grow in responsibility as leaders, it is often harder to admit to our mistakes or be vulnerable with those around us. What are some ways you have had to grow in humility in vulnerability as a leader?
3. Healing is an “ongoing encounter with God’s love that brings us into wholeness and communion”, what are some ways you can bring yourself closer to God on a regular basis to give yourself an openness to that healing?

Keynote 5 – Be Fruitful and Multiply: Launching the Transformation of Our Nations | Stephen Foster

- [Watch the keynote here](#)

1. What risks do you feel God is asking you to take in the effort to evangelize? What’s holding you back?
2. Do you see signs of a ‘pre-Christian’ age in our culture? What excites you about mission at this moment in the world?
3. What is your parish doing to go ‘down’ (in age) and ‘out’ (seeking the lost)? How do you perceive God call you ‘down’ and ‘out’?
4. How do you feel about the idea that the success of evangelization has very little to do with your skill at evangelizing?



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Keynote 6 – The Spirit Hovered Over the Waters: The Holy Spirit as the Driving Power of Mission | Fr. Mathias Thelen

– [Watch the keynote beginning at 1:25](#)

1. How has the Holy Spirit played a role in your personal faith journey? Can you recall a specific moment or event that deepened your relationship with God?
2. How do your expectations and beliefs about the Holy Spirit influence your daily life and spiritual practices? Do you find it easy or challenging to believe in the miraculous works of the Holy Spirit today?
3. What do you think are the biggest obstacles that prevent the Church from fully embracing the Holy Spirit's power? How can we, as a community, foster a more vibrant and Spirit-filled Church?
4. How does the desire for control impact your spiritual life? What steps can you take to surrender more fully to the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit?