

# FROM CHRISTENDOM TO APOSTOLIC MISSION

## Session Four

### **Chapter Four: Devising a Pastoral Strategy for this Transitional Time, Part I**

In order for us to engage in the work of the New Evangelization and implement Bishop DeGrood's vision for our Diocese (Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God's Love) we must first stop approaching our age with a mindset more suited to a Christendom era.

#### **Questions for Understanding**

- What are the eight points for developing a pastoral strategy for this transitional time?
- What does an Apostolic Attitude prioritize compared to the priorities of a Christendom Culture? (p. 37)
- The Church in France should never have survived the 1800's, but it did and even thrived again. What does social analysis miss? (p. 39)
- What is a low of institutional life that impacts how we need to attend to our institutions in the future? (p. 43)
- What does "institution" mean and what are the hallmarks of healthy ones? (p. 42)

- How might these errors specifically affect our parish institutions? (p. 47)
- Consider societies , what is the "inner law of its nature"? What might we learn about our institutions from this "law"? (p. 49)

### **Questions for Discussion & Action**

- How might you gain an apostolic attitude yourself, and help others to do the same?
- How might you help the people in your parish/school/family remain rooted in the Church's vision?
- What are some practices that you might undertake to incarnate the Christian vision?