

FROM CHRISTENDOM TO APOSTOLIC MISSION

Session Five

Chapter Four: Devising a Pastoral Strategy for this Transitional Time, Part II

Having seen the need to develop pastoral & evangelical strategies better-suited to an Apostolic age, this chapter addresses some key points necessary for developing those strategies.

Questions for Understanding

- What do the authors say is necessary? Using the analogy of a general sending individual soldiers, one by one, against a well-trained opposing army? (p. 53)
- What temptations face devout and eager priests in the current day? (p. 55)
- A good "manager" doesn't guarantee an institution's survival in this apostolic age, but what will? (p. 58)
- What is Pope St. Paul VI's assertion about modern man? (P. 61)
- What is the false compromise that tempts those who fear the majority will not be with them? (p. 62)
- What are we in danger of transposing in our pursuit to be culturally influential? (p. 63)

Questions for Discussion & Action

- Where are the flames of faith already burning brightly in your parish? What can you do to fan those flames even more?
- Who comes to mind as an “impressive witness”? What might you learn from them?