

Fr. Robert Duggan developed the discussion process used at the symposium and served as the facilitator for the event. The following is the general process used during the symposium following each of the major addresses. We have provided files of each of the major addresses that you can distribute to your own leadership team. You then can use the following questions to facilitate conversations regarding this content. You are also free to adapt this process or to create your own--whatever will create the most stimulating conversation for you.

Reflection Questions for Each Table Conversation

1. Take a few moments in silence to make a few notes in response to what you have heard. [5 minutes]
2. What are the 3 core ideas, pieces of information, or questions that struck you as most significant in the talks? [2-3 minutes]
3. Are there any “push-backs” (e.g., disagreement, request for more data/clarity, need to draw out implications, etc.) you would like to direct to the speaker? [2-3 minutes]

A. Discussion Process: Part 1

- * Invite initial reactions from participants. (15-20 min.)
- * Invite participants to discuss and identify 1-3 most creative, positive ideas they'd like to see in place in catechesis in ten years. Ask the groups to summarize their ideas on newsprint and post around the meeting space. (30 min.)
- * Ask the participants to write down the “golden nugget” for the future they have heard so far. (1-2 min.)

B. Discussion Process: Part 2

- * Ask participants to prepare a 3-5 minute table group “report out” to the large group describing their vision of key aspects of catechesis in the year 2018. This is a time to dream and not be constrained by a “scarcity mentality.” (Be sure to give each participant some time for silent reflection before the conversation begins.)
- * Table facilitators should watch the time and make certain their groups are ready to report out at the designated time. You may wish to have table groups prepare their reports on newsprint. (30 minutes)

C. Small Group Wrap-up

Invite each table group to discuss the following questions:

- * What have you learned from the entire process?

* What would you like to see happen as a follow-up?

* What needs to happen at the local level if key insights shared here are to be implemented? (15 minutes)