

Outline 2nd Presentation facilitated by Jesús J Huerta :

(Welcome back and gather)

Opening prayer:

Good and gracious God, we recognize all life is a gift and a blessing. We thank you for your most generous love. Encourage us to be persons of honesty and integrity, worthy of proclaiming the Gospel, in this sacred ministry of fundraising and appeals. Help us to always reverence the sacred space where our benefactors and our missions meet. Give us openness to listen to the needs of our parishioners. Give us joyful spirits, and an eagerness to engage others. Give us hopeful imagination and creative vision, recognizing generosity in even the smallest gift. Give us strong, steadfast hearts in times of discouragement. Give us trusting hearts, knowing that the fruits of labors will be realized long after we are gone. Give us faithful hearts, deeply committed to Your realm. Let us feel Your Presence so that we know we are never truly alone. Remind us always that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for you. We ask this in Jesus' name and in unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Overview: Facilitated Process

Break up into groups for table discussion(s), intentional sharing and planning for this year's ACA. (Spanish & English groups?)

Reading of the excerpt of Henry Nouwen's, *A Spirituality of Fund-Raising*

5 minutes

The Spirituality of Fund-Raising review:

Review the Spirituality of Fund-Raising document by Henry Nouwen. What is the clear, amazing and exciting vision and mission that we offer to our parishioners?

15 minutes

Plenary - 5 minutes

The role of the Pastor is PARAMOUNT:

Having heard Thomas story what suggestions, what insights, what takeaways do you have of the power of storytelling?

Using examples from Thomas' Speaking style and using the clear, amazing and exciting vision and mission points listed, what are the unique and creative ways you can preach and share the mission of the church?

15 minutes

Plenary – 5 minutes

Closing:

We hope that this process has lifted up the importance of this year's Appeal and given you a basis for a more intentional and practical approach to sharing the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Let us remember, as Henri Nouwen reminds us, that Fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful and hope filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's kingdom.

Bishop Tyson closing remarks

Closing prayer (by Bishop Tyson or end with opening prayer)

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