

What do we mean by MISSION?

God's mission revealed in Jesus Christ

*"God's spirit is upon me, for God has sent me to bring good news to the destitute. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send for the shattered in release, to proclaim a year of God's acceptance."* Luke 4:18-19



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The Mission has a Church

The Church is a foretaste - a sign and instrument of the reign of God.

Participation in the mission



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- (Ad Gentes) On the Mission Activity of the Church:

The Church claims no other authority than that of ministering to men (and women) with the help of God in a spirit of charity and faithful service... Not seeking a mere material progress and prosperity but promoting their dignity and union ... gradually opening up a fuller approach to God. AG #12



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- Pope Francis:

*We must find the Lord who consoles and go to the people of God...*

**THIS IS THE MISSION**

*People today need words, but most of all they need us to bear witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord, which warms the heart, rekindles hope and attracts people towards the good.*



Underpinning BELIEFS for formation for mission

- **Inherent goodness & dignity of each person** - Genesis 1:26-31
- **The Spirit is present and active in every time and place... and in the heart of every person and initiative striving to attain truth, goodness and God.** - (Redemptoris Missio) On the Permanent Validity of the Church's missionary mandate #28
- **Divine Providence** - we have the people we need to serve and further the mission

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- **Bevans:**  
*God's mission is wider than the Church - our task is to point out where God is already active.*

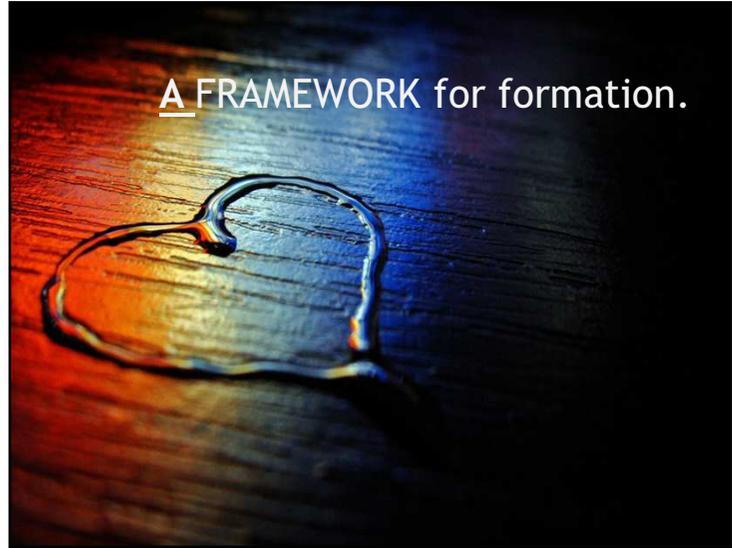
*Mission is done in the day to day reflection on and prayer about our ministry, in community discussion and discernment.*

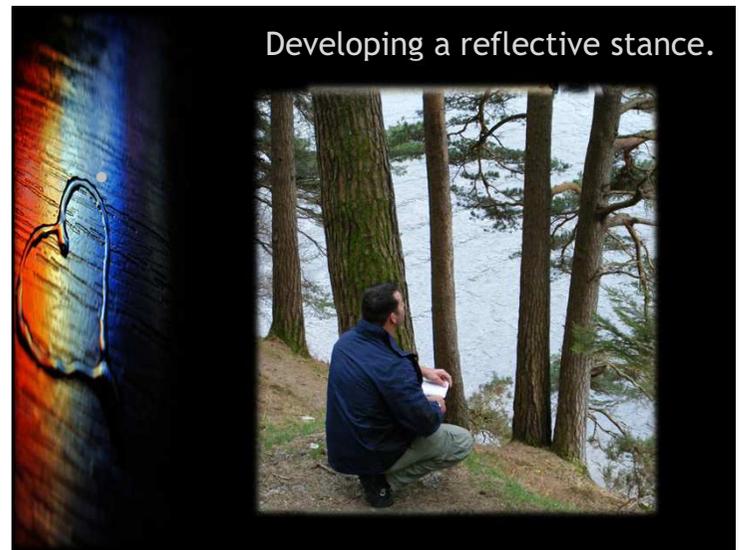
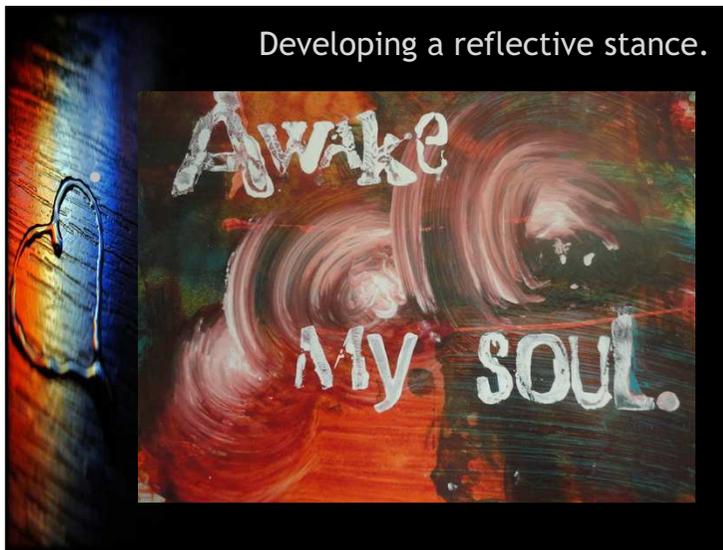
*It is rooted in dialogue.*

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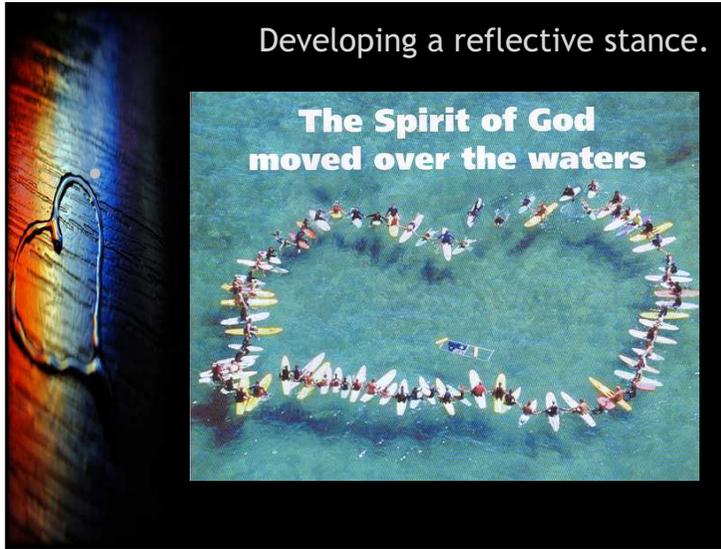
- **Noel Connolly SVD:**  
*We are most missionary when we move out to discover what God is doing around us.*

*Then we will be a more authentic and convincing sign of God's hopes for the world.*





Developing a reflective stance.



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Experiencing mission in action.



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STRATEGIES for forming hearts for mission.

Mercy the BUSINESS of our lives.

- Leadership for mission formation
- Ongoing & Developmental
- Wholistic
- Time, space & energy
- Resources for formation

