

Listen, Teach, Send: Regional Workshop



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Listening as the Starting Point

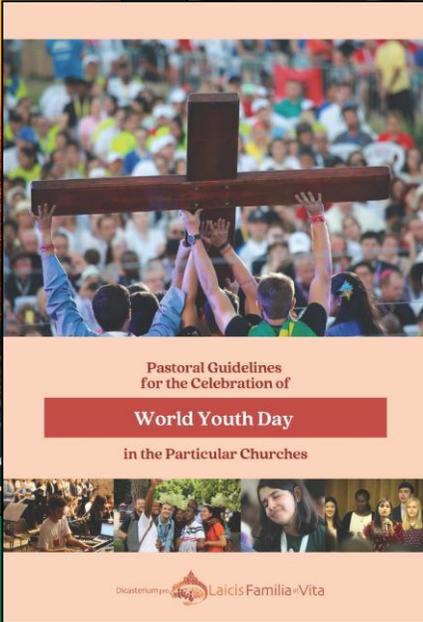
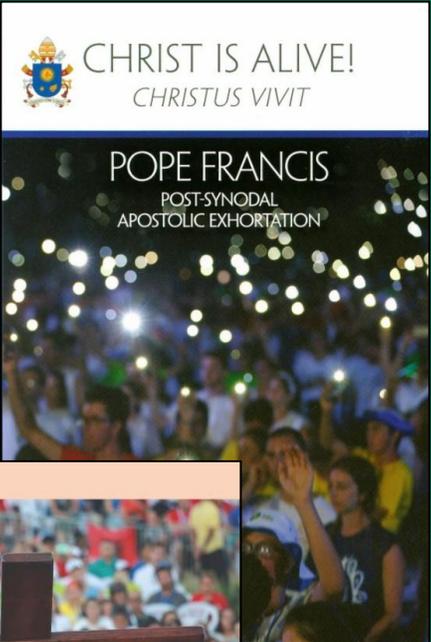
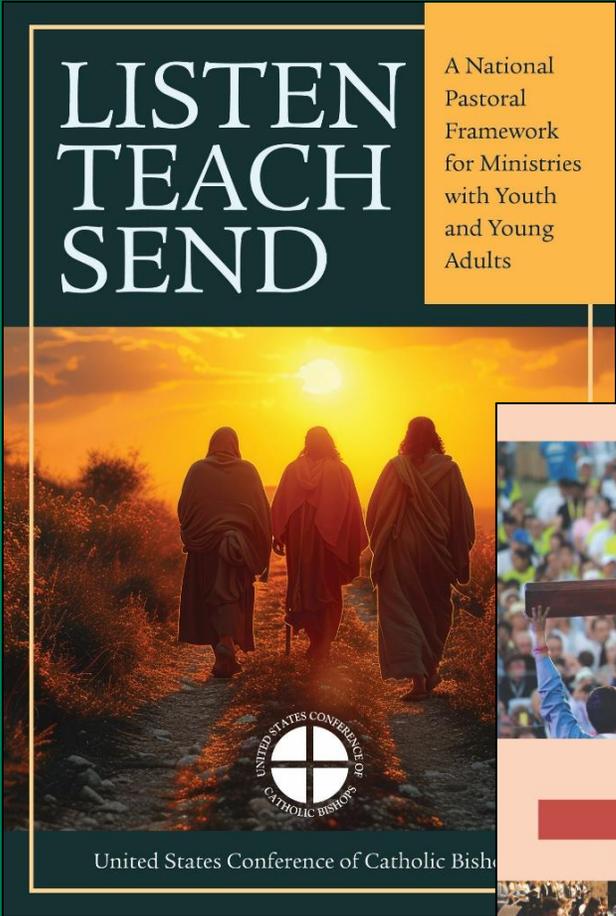
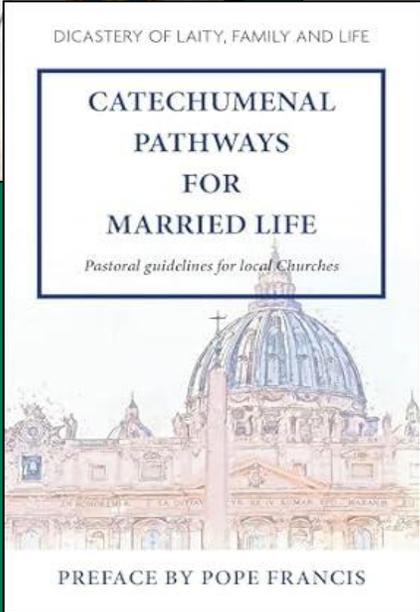
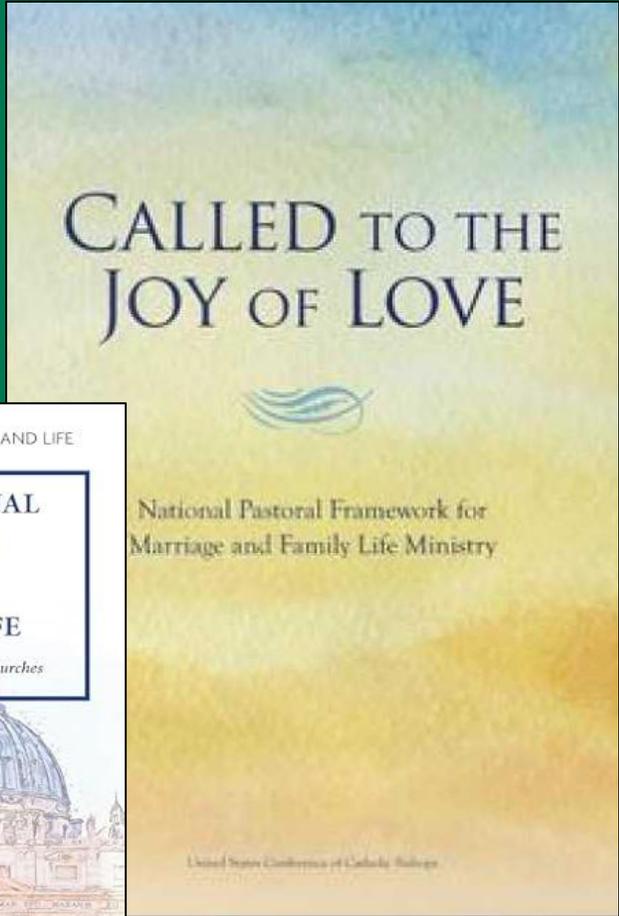
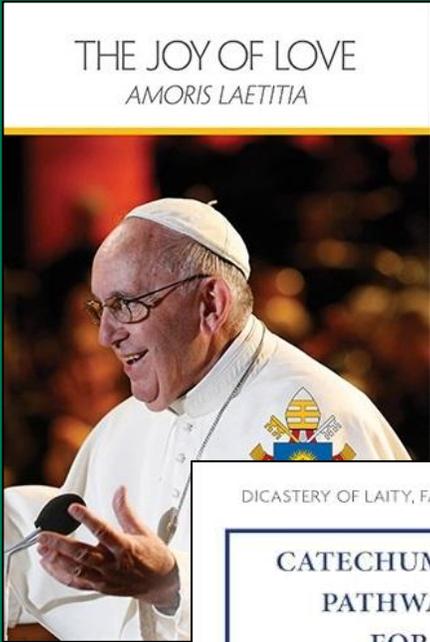


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Opening Table Conversation

*What's going on with **young people** in your community?*

*How are **families** connected to the Church's ministries with young people in your community?*



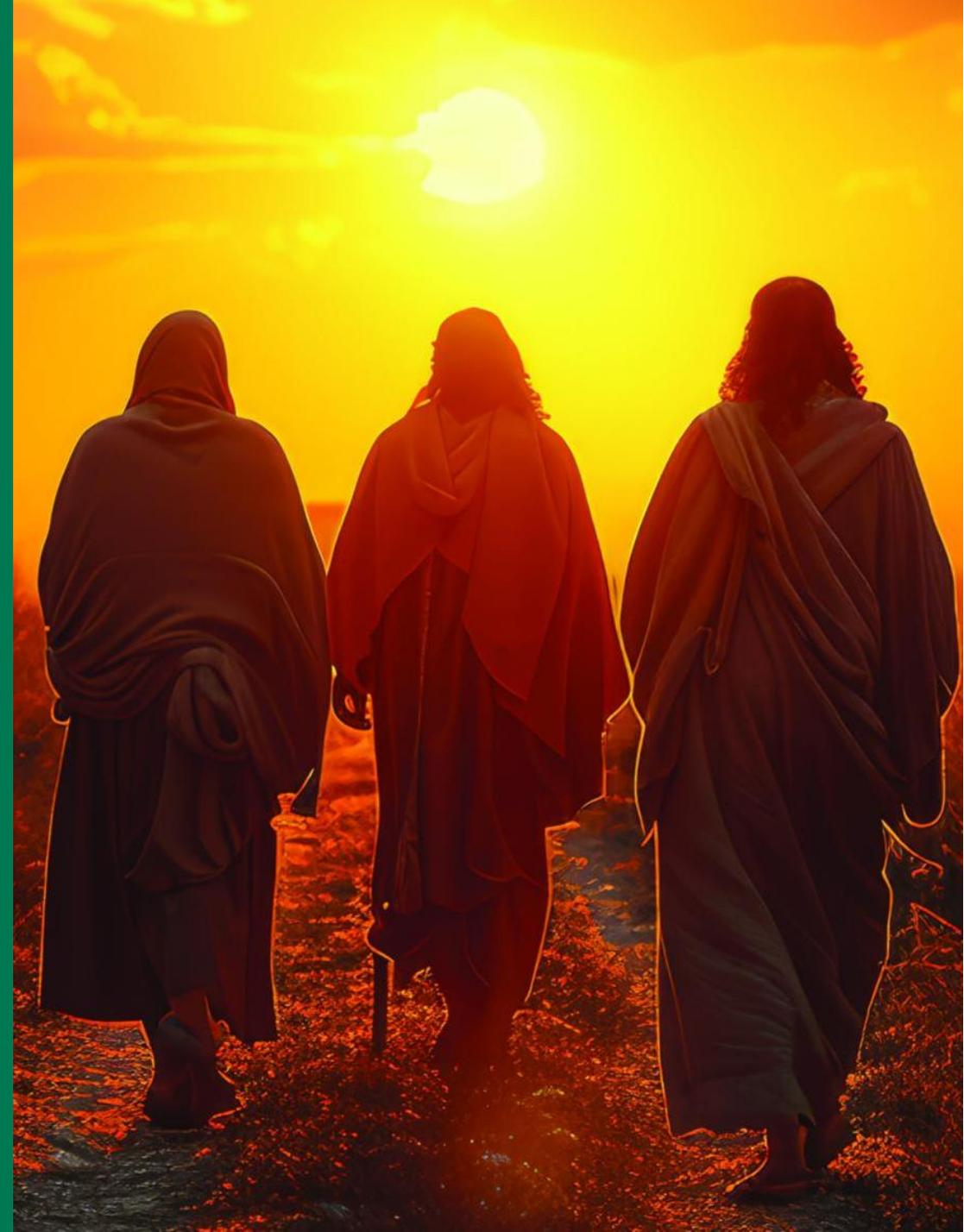
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Why did the U.S. bishops put *listening* at the beginning?

- Recalling the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35)
- The bishops' experiences of listening and dialogue
- The person at the center
- Inherent to family life
- Increasing distractions



Dimensions of “**Listening**”

- Encountering young people
- Being fully present
- Understanding across generations
- Healing brokenness



Table Conversation

*How can the four dimensions of **listening** take place concretely in your community, ministry, or family?*



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Obstacles and Opportunities for Teaching the Faith



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Plenary Input

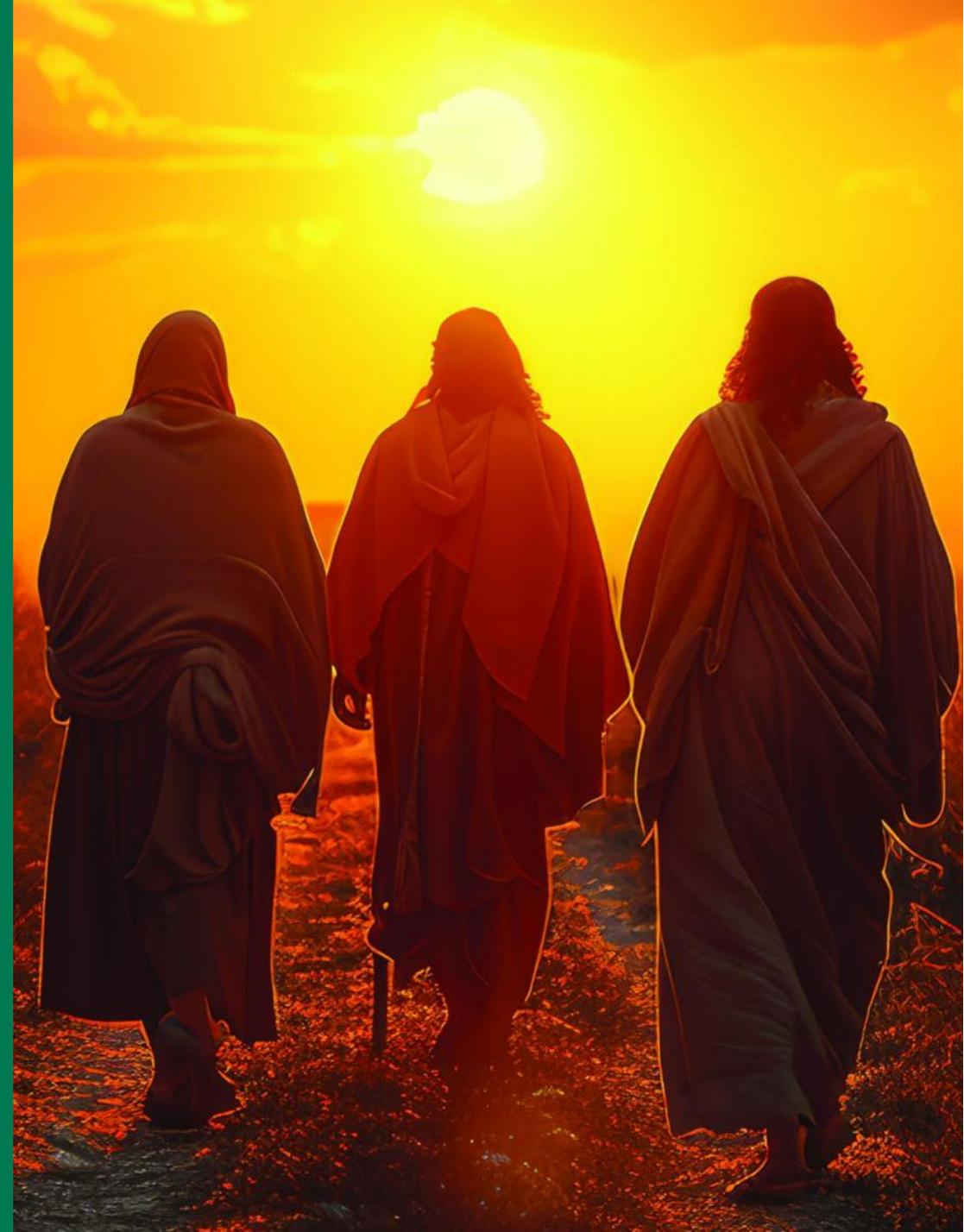
*What are the three biggest **obstacles** that you encounter in engaging and teaching young people?*



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Turning frustrating obstacles into life-giving *opportunities*

- If teaching is rooted in listening...
- The distinctions between teaching youth and teaching young adults
- Teaching begins in the home
- Parents and families not feeling confident or equipped to teach
- Challenging and sensitive topics



The Opportunities of “**Teaching**”

- Proclaiming Jesus Christ
- Evangelizing catechesis
- Sharing the truth in love
- Renewing sacramental life



Lunch Table Conversation

*What are some concrete **opportunities** that you can try to navigate the obstacles in teaching young people?*



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Sending into the Church's Mission



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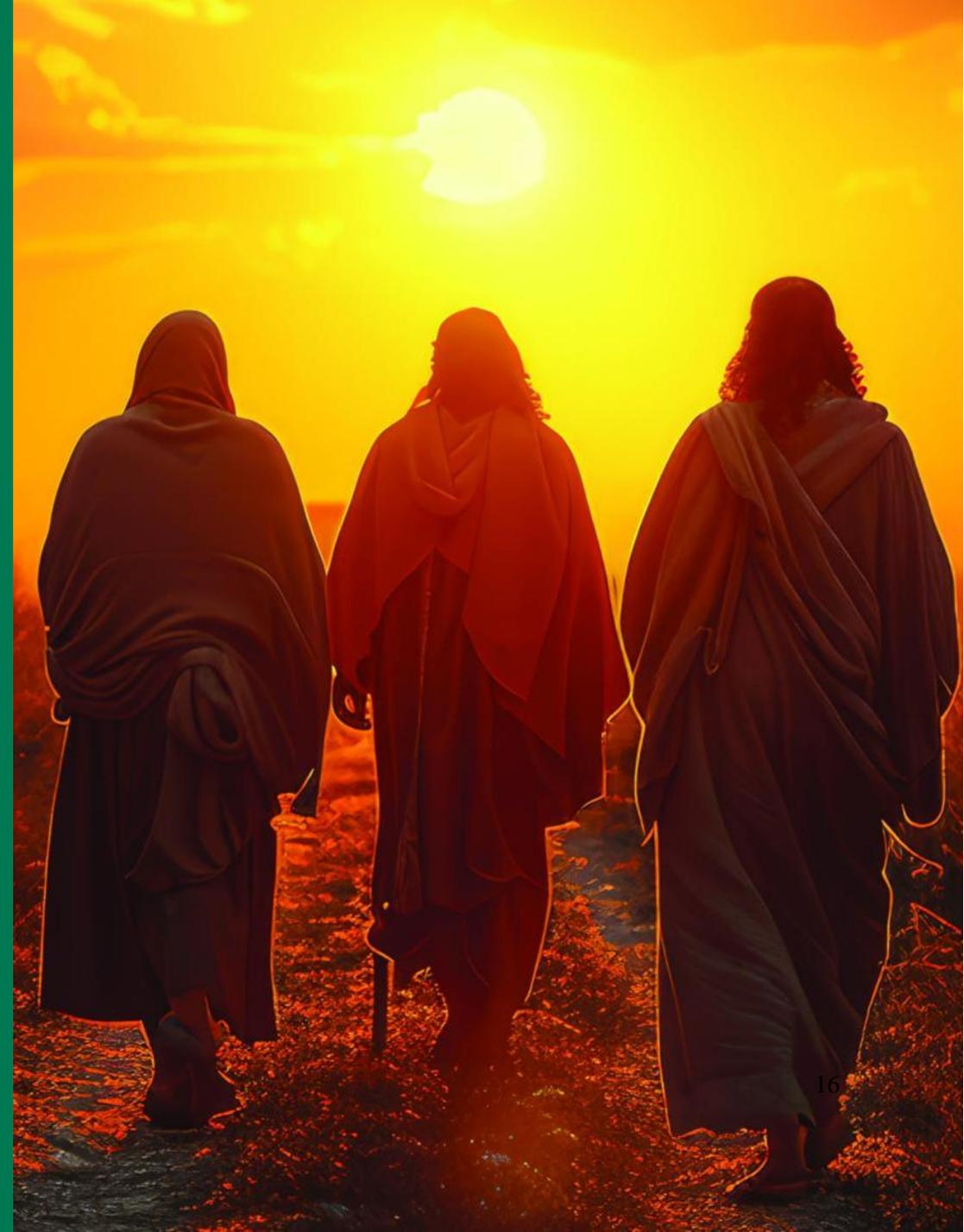
*What are your **goals** in ministering with young people?*



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Moving young people toward their *mission*

- The mountaintop temptation:
“Master, it is good that we are here.” (Luke 9:33)
- Go!, but do not go forth alone
- Parents and families continuing the journey through adulthood
- Reciprocal ministry to the elders



Equipping for “**Sending**”

- Evangelizing witnesses
- With charity and justice
- Vocational discernment
- Faithful protagonists today



Table Conversation

*How can your ministry, community, or family practically equip young people for their **mission** in the world?*



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