SESSION & WORKSHOP THREE

APOSTOLIC DISCERNMENT OF REALITY

EXPLANATION OF THE DYNAMIC OF WORKSHOP 3:

FORMING A COMMUNITY OF APOSTLES: THE WHAT AND HOW OF TEAM LIFE

General Dynamic: This workshop follows the general flow of apostolic discernment of reality within Encounter with Christ. As facilitator, your role is keep the members of your breakout group on track regarding both the dynamic, and the specifics of the type of cases to be proposed.

Dynamic: Set a tone of practical apostolic discernment with a moment of prayerful recollection. Then open the floor to proposed case studies, emphasizing the need for real team life moments that the person proposing the case study wants the breakout group's aid in discerning. Cases should be proposed succinctly, but with enough detail to make it clear what is being discerned. Participants should avoid just giving a flashy title. 2 or 3 cases are enough to proceed to the vote. Participants are free to vote for their own case study. Once the case has been chosen, and explained in depth, foster an atmosphere of lively exchange and discussion, not of isolated reflections.

SENT FORTH: WORKSHOP 3 HANDOUT

RC TEAM AKA A COMMUNITY OF APOSTLES – APOSTOLIC DISCERNMENT OF REALITY

Apostolic Discernment of Reality: We undertake a communal discernment of what God expects of us as RC formators in the circumstances of life in which the RC members we form find themselves. Consequently, we will observe the reality in which they are immersed, with the desire to discover the best way to carry out our mission of formators within it.

Choice of a case study: A true situation or event from real life that helps the team or community to discover the message of God for them in their current situation should be chosen. The closer the case is to the lives of the members and the social reality in which they live, the better it will facilitate the apostolic discernment of the team. Today, case studies proposed should be real life "non-formative" situations or moments of your own section's life (spiritual life, apostolate, accompaniment, team life). The lens for discernment should be how that moment configures the RC members participating in it with Christ the apostle, according to our RC identity and mission.

To See: What is the current formative impact of this moment of section life? What type of transformation and growth is occurring (or not occurring) in our RC members because of how we as RC formators are living this moment of section life?

To Judge: What further formative impact does God think is possible? What type of transformation and growth does he desire for the RC members participating in this moment of section life? How would he judge our living of our identity and mission as RC formators in this moment of section life?

To Act & Apostolic Commitment: What specific actions or changes is God calling us to as RC formators regarding the moment of section life we have been discerning? What convictions, attitudes and behaviors do we need to follow that call? What competencies do we need to accomplish this?