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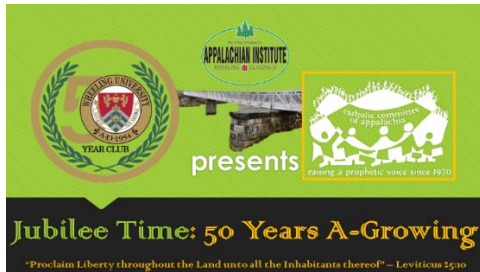
Jubilee Time: 50 Years A-Growing

our contextual theology and ministry in Appalachia
bridging universal Catholic theology to the Appalachian context

Presentation #3

Notes as we begin: take your time reflecting on each slide

- a. **Quotes** from the pastoral letters, personalities
- b. **Images / film clips** related to Appalachia
- c. **Prayer** reminders of the Jubilee Time
- d. **Literary references** and **Resources**



Slide 1: Title and Welcome

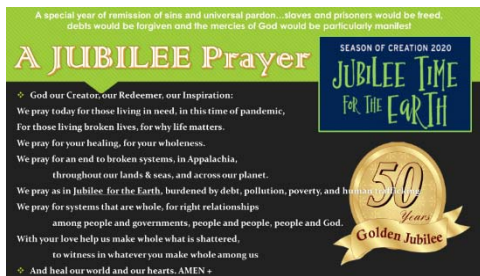
Quote: **Jubilee quote from Leviticus 25.10, on the Liberty Bell**

Picture: Footbridge to Wheeling U campus connects 50 Year Club to CCA
“Jubilee Time: 50 Years A-Growing”

– how the pastoral letter connects to the 50th Jubilee of CCA

Question:

What is your perception of the Catholic Community of Appalachia?



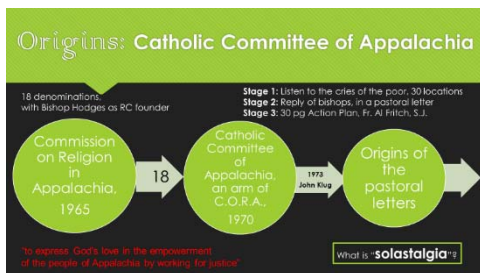
Slide 2: Opening Prayers

Prayer: connecting the Jubilee of CCA to Season of Creation Jubilee Time

Quote: <https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide/>

Pictures: logo for the 2020 Season of Creation,

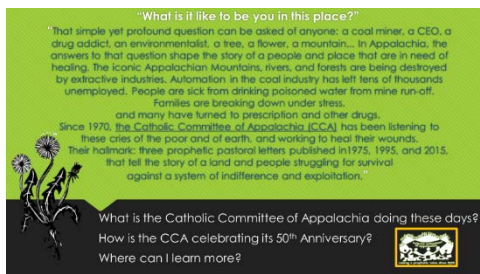
Question: How do these 50 Year celebrations help us to pray?



Slide 3: Origins of the CCA and the pastoral letter

- Key events in developing the pastoral letters through CCA
- Importance of organizational work
- Frustrations within organizational work
- What happens to Action Plans?

Question: Do you experience “solastalgia”?

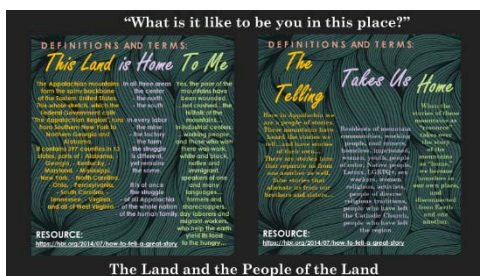


Slide 4: The Work of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia

○ Telling our story: “What is it like to be you in this place?”

- Introduction of participants
- Introduction of the process

Question: How would you start telling your part of the story?



Slide 5: Heralding the Voices of the Voiceless

Quote: “The Telling Takes Us Home,” Part One, Section 3

Example: Comparing words used to describe the population

Who Frames Our Story: sequence of pastoral letters

- Definitions from “This Land Is Home to Me”
- Definitions from “The Telling Takes Us Home”

Question: Has this understanding of “the people” changed in focus?

"Wisdom comes from listening to the holy faithful people of God. Listen, listen with the heart. And then let us walk together." - Pope Francis

Fifty Years A-Growing

this land is home to me

a pastoral letter on powerlessness in Appalachia by the Catholic bishops of the region

THOUGH I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A PLANT WILL SPRING UP WHERE NO SEED HAS BEEN, I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN A SEED. CONVINCE ME THAT YOU HAVE A SEED THERE, AND I AM PREPARED TO EXPECT WONDERS." - Thoreau

Slide 6: Framing "Magisterium of the People": Who Frames Our Story?

Quote: Pope Francis; Henry David Thoreau

Examples: *Publications, Music and Film*

Who Frames Our Story: *sequence of pastoral letters*

- o Oral tradition in Appalachian folk music, *Maureen Linneman Eaton*
- o Appalachian bishops' letters & the Catholic Committee of Appalachia
- o Sebastian Gomes, director of the film *Salt + Light Catholic Media*

Resource: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDR9AWPuafw>

Question: How do music and film drive our understanding?

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Defining "magisterium": Sebastian Gomes, Director and Executive Editor, audio/video, *America* magazine

In the Gospels, Jesus lifts up the voice of the poor, speaks with authority "and not as their scribes"

Slide 7: Defining Magisterium in light of Vatican II

Quote: Sebastian Gomes on "Magisterium of the People" as title

Resource: <https://vimeo.com/307193949>

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Question: Does this definition challenge your understanding?

Bishop John Stowe, OMI, CMV, Diocese of Lexington, serves as CCA's Episcopal Adviser since 2015

"We, as Americans, especially in the dominant culture, are so unused to feeling vulnerable. And the fact that this little tiny virus can have such an effect on all of us and have so many people living in fear, I think is very instructive in a lot of ways."

Reflecting on Pope Francis's words: "we haven't paid attention to warnings about the environment, was the globalization of indifference -"

"We don't talk about it until we feel something ourselves..." "But it's made me even more sensitive to... our global church, the immigrant community, our inner-city community, a lot of our unemployed workers in Appalachia that have been displaced by the coal industry. It makes me more aware of the vulnerability that they live with, day in and day out. It's probably a good lesson for all of us, what that feels like."

Slide 8: Successors and Advisors

- Introducing New voices to speak on behalf of others

Current and future voices on the ground today / in Good Soil

Quote: Bishop John Stowe, Diocese of Lexington KY

Quote: Pope Francis

Resource: <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/05/in-appalachia-and-silicon-valley-bishops-see-good-and-stark-in-the-pandemic/>

Question: Who speaks today for the marginalized?

raising a prophetic voice since 1970

Our Guest speaker:

Michael Iafrate, BA '99/MA '03, PhD candidate, University of Toronto, "Decolonizing Appalachian Theology" Co-Coordinator, CCA

- ◊ Encountering CCA as a doctoral student: a community of faith dedicated to living Vatican II "seeing, judging, acting" - & some influential results in CCA
- ◊ Lead author: "The Telling Takes Us Home" as a people's pastoral - a dynamic response to the times then and now
- ◊ Rejuvenating CCA and 'inter-generationality'
- ◊ CCA network: "being Church" today
 - ◊ Advocacy
 - ◊ State chapters
 - ◊ Activism, Education & Immersion
- ◊ "Magisterium of the People" - Sept 25"

Slide 9: Guest Speaker, Michael Iafrate '99/'03 of CCA

Emphasis: Involving a new generation in CCA for rejuvenation

For access to the film and panel discussion on Friday, CCA asks for a sliding scale donation to register. To register, visit our website www.ccappal.org and on the front page, click the button that says "Register for workshops à la carte." You can view the film in one of these two other ways. The film's producer, Salt + Light Media, allows you to stream the film for a \$5 rental fee from its website.

Visit <https://saltandlighttv.org/magisterium/> **Question: How am I involved?**

Alumnus response: Robby de Andrade, '72

...and discussion among us

CoVid-19 has affected everyone in the world. Many in Appalachia experience pandemic-like challenges all the long; many of us only hear or read about the demanding conditions the community in Appalachia face on a daily basis all their lives.

- ◊ My wife and I were inspired several years ago while attending Mass at Seattle University
- ◊ The student government president and Campus Ministry spoke to the congregation, they were preparing to travel to Wheeling University for their Spring Break Community Service program. The WU Appalachian Institute and the Catholic Committee of Appalachia had inspired them to spend their Spring Break in doing Community Service instead of sunning themselves at a beach.
- ◊ As Men and Women for Others, it is incumbent upon us to engage.

Slide 10: Alumni Response

Robby de Andrade '72

Emphasis: What inspires us today

Reaction and Discussion takes place at this time

Slide 11: Preview for Oct 22

IN DIASPORA AND HOMELAND

"WITNESSES...TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH..." HOW DOES EACH OF US HEAR THEM IN OUR OWN NATIVE LANGUAGE? - ACTS 1:8 & 1:9

"This Land Is Home to Me" as a Bridge to the World as Our Common Home

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Closing Prayer:

SEASON OF CREATION 2020

JUBILEE TIME FOR THE EARTH

In this month when we celebrate creation, we thank you, Lord, for the gift of stewardship:

- ◊ For our Church & the CCA
- ◊ For our university
- ◊ For the care of students & alumni, past and present
- ◊ For our mentors & for our teachers, & administrators
- ◊ For our benefactors & for our dependents,
- ◊ And for Appalachia in all its people.

Lord, we thank you, our Home. Amen. +

Slide 12: Closing Prayer

Slide 13: Credits & Gratitude

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"Think of the force energy concentrated in an atom! You bury it in the ground, and it explodes into an atom!" - G. Show

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