

Witnesses in the Workplace: A Catholic Christian Approach to Building Positive Work Environments

Anne Walsh began her workshop by asking: *How do you live kingdom values in an increasingly secular world?* For Anne, there are two things we need to be: salt and light, so that we may become leaven for the world. Using these images, Anne reminded us that leaven is passed on from generation to generation; most of the times we shouldn't be conscious of being the leaven. As Christians, we have been charged with the responsibility of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. That Good News is not a body of truths; it is telling the story about someone who has changed our lives. In the workplace, in the marketplace, in our homes we are not called to do extraordinary things, we are called to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. We are called to blend in, to make life better. There are obstacles to achieving this, Anne acknowledged. She offered the insights of Loughlan Sofield and Carroll Juliano on the obstacles of collaboration, and suggested being mindful of this, and of the pivotal events which have shaped various generations. Such information may help us to be more effective at being the witnesses we are called to be.