

Pedagogy of Encounter



How do I encounter this?

What do I think and sense?

Looking at the concept/issue as it is experienced today and as a religious issue, using a provocation to raise questions.

- What do I think about this?
- What questions does this raise for me?
- Why am I responding in this way?
- How does this impact on who I am in the world, and as part of a Catholic learning community?

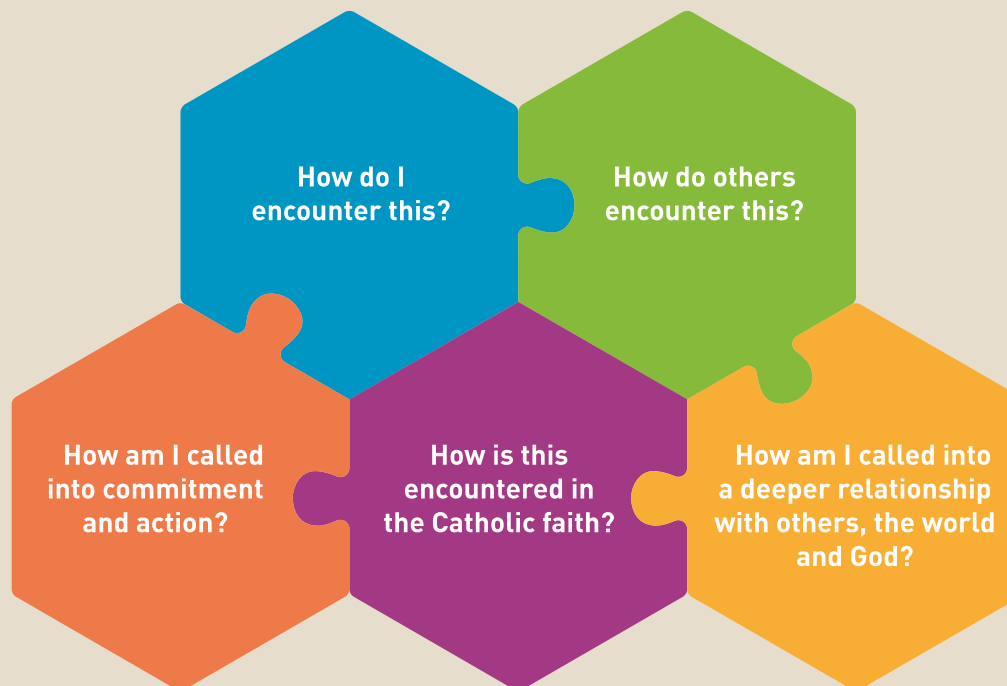


How do others encounter this?

What do others think and why?

Seeking different views, including religious perspectives and interpretations, through dialogue. Going deeper into different worldviews to reveal alternative visions of, and for, the world.

- What is at the heart of this topic for each perspective?
- Are there hidden worldviews to uncover?
- What visions for life do these perspectives reveal?
- What connects with my experience or thinking?
- What challenges me? What questions do I have now?



How am I called into commitment and action?

What do I think now and why?

Reflecting on the integration of knowledge, ways of being, spirituality and action, and the resulting transformation.

- What do I think now?
- How have I grown?
- What influences my thinking and why?
- What further questions does this raise for me?
- What will I do differently now?



How is this encountered in the Catholic faith?

What does the Catholic Church teach and why?

Seeking the Church's perspective and interpretations through dialogue and discussion.

- What's at the heart of this topic for the Catholic Church?
- What might different members of the Church bring to this?
- What visions for life does this perspective reveal?
- Why does the Church hold this view?
- How is this different from other religious perspectives?
- How might it challenge secular positions?
- What connects with my experience or thinking?
- What challenges my thinking?



How am I called into a deeper relationship with others, the world and God?

How have I been transformed by this encounter?

Exploring a different way of knowing through experiences that open us to the sacred: praying and celebrating, using symbol and ritual and reflecting on sacred text and art.

- How does this experience (of prayer, celebration, reflection, theologising about the concept) call me to be more?
- How does this impact on my spirituality?
- How do I explore my inner voice? Who am I in this?
- How am I becoming conscious of a higher, deeper, more valued reality, beyond the senses?