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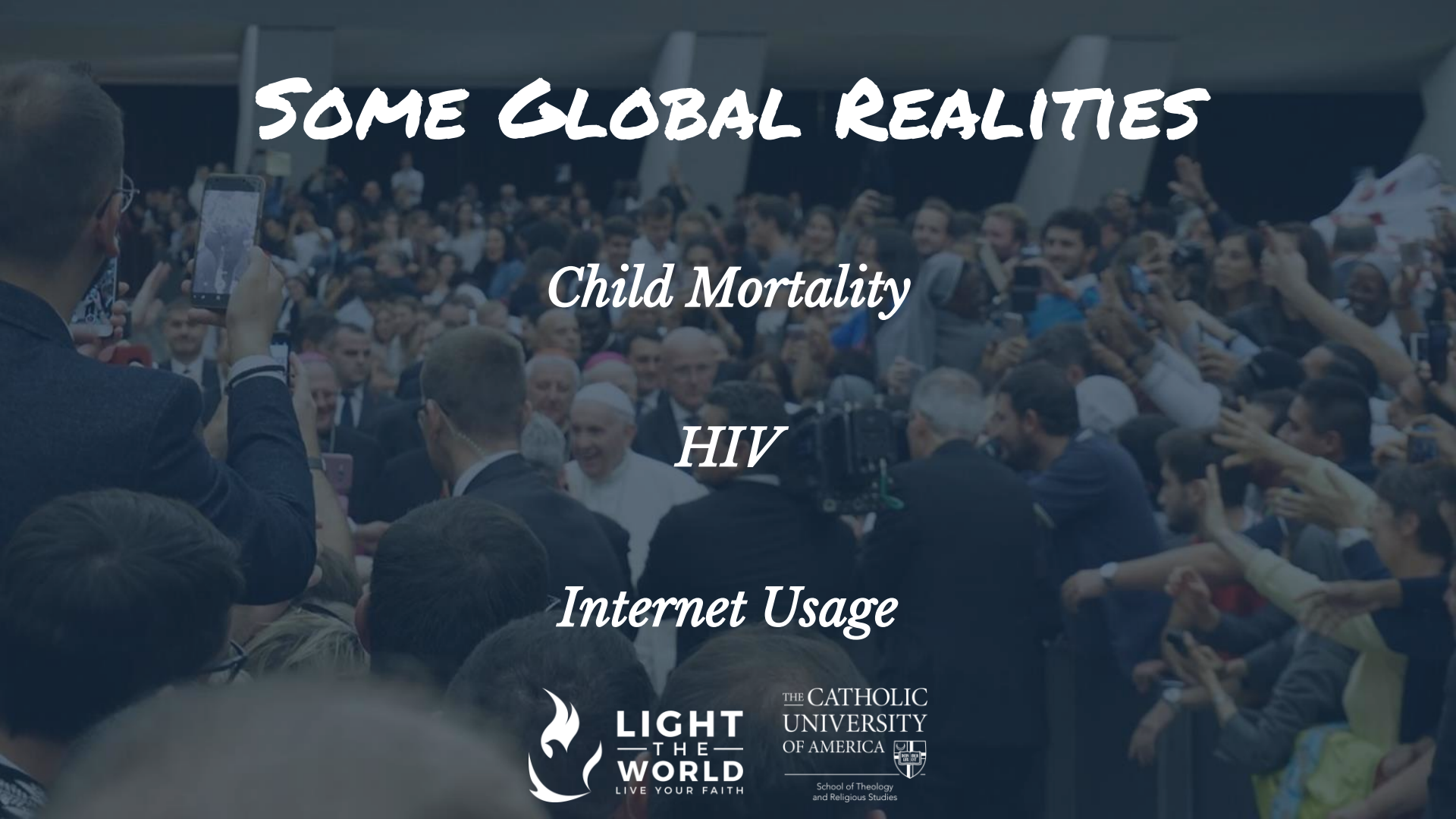

Some Global Realities

Child Mortality

HIV

Internet Usage

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Christus Vivit, 68

"The worlds of today's 'youth' are so many that in some countries one tends to speak of 'young people' in the plural. The age group considered by the Synod (16-29 years) does not represent a homogeneous category, but is composed of distinct groups, each with its own life experience."

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Traditional "Where"
The Digital Environment
A World of Migration
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Christus Vivit, 86

"The digital environment is characteristic of the contemporary world. Broad swathes of humanity are immersed in it in an ordinary and continuous manner. It is no longer merely a question of 'using' instruments of communication, but of living in a highly digitalized culture that has had a profound impact on ideas of time and space, on our self-understanding, our understanding of others and the world, and our ability to communicate, learn, be informed and enter into relationships with others."

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Christus Vivit, 87

"a public square where the young spend much of their time and meet one another easily, even though not all have equal access to it, particularly in some regions of the world. They provide an extraordinary opportunity for dialogue, encounter, and exchange between persons, as well as access to information and knowledge. Moreover, the digital world is one of social and political engagement and active citizenship..."

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Christus Vivit, 90

"withdrawal from their families and their cultural and religious values, and entrance into a world of loneliness and of self-invention, with the result that they feel rootless even while remaining physically in one place."

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Christus Vivit, 91

"Migration, considered globally, is a structural phenomenon, and not a passing emergency. It may occur within one country or between different countries. The Church's concern is focused especially on those fleeing from war, violence, political or religious persecution, from natural disasters including those caused by climate change, and from extreme poverty."

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Christus Vivit, 92

"Unscrupulous traffickers, frequently linked to drug cartels or arms cartels, exploit the weakness of migrants, who too often experience violence, trafficking, psychological and physical abuse and untold sufferings on their journey."

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Christus Vivit, 72

"The Synod Fathers acknowledged with sorrow that 'many young people today live in war zones and experience violence in countless different forms: kidnapping, extortion, organized crime, human trafficking, slavery and sexual exploitation, wartime rape, and so forth." ... "Many young people, whether by force or lack of alternatives, live by committing crimes and acts of violence: child soldiers, armed criminal gangs, drug trafficking, terrorism, and so on."

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Christus Vivit, 75

"As a Church, may we never fail to weep before these tragedies of our young. May we never become inured to them, for anyone incapable of tears cannot be a mother."

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Christus Vivit, 94

"The very fact that the Church can embrace all these varied perspectives allows her to play a prophetic role in society with regard to the issue of migration."

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"Where" in Social and Cultural Places

Identity & Relativism
Experience Based Reality
Distrust of Structures
Abuse
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Christus Vivit, 161

"let yourself be loved by God, for he loves you just as you are. He values and respects you, but he also keeps offering you more: more of his friendship, more fervor in prayer, more hunger for his word, more longing to receive Christ in the Eucharist, more desire to live by his Gospel, more inner strength, more peace and spiritual joy."

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Christus Vivit, 146

"How could God take pleasure in someone incapable of enjoying his small everyday blessings, someone blind to the simple pleasures we find all around us? "No one is worse than one who is grudging to himself" (Sir 14:6). Far from obsessively seeking new pleasures, which would keep us from making the most of the present moment, we are asked to open our eyes and take a moment to experience fully and with gratitude every one of life's little gifts."

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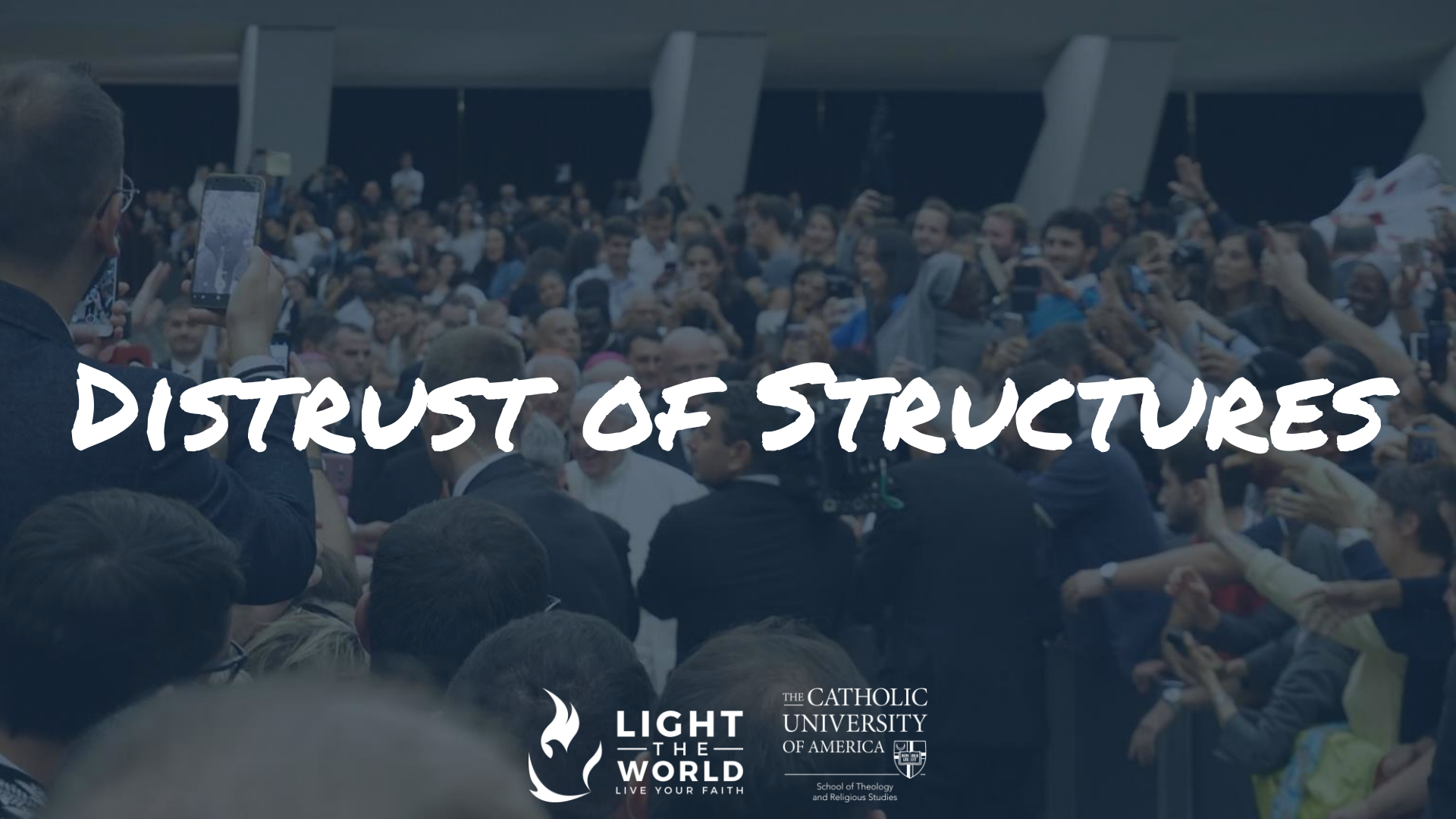
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Christus Vivit, 102

"In the midst of this tragedy, which rightly pains us, "the Lord Jesus, who never abandons his Church, offers her the strength and the means to set out on a new path". This dark moment, "not without the valuable help of the young, can truly be an opportunity for a reform of epoch-making significance", opening us to a new Pentecost and inaugurating a new stage of purification and change capable of renewing the Church's youth. Young people will be all the more helpful if they feel fully a part of the "holy and patient, faithful People of God, borne up and enlivened by the Holy Spirit", for "it will be precisely this holy People of God to liberate us from the plague of clericalism, which is the fertile ground for all these disgraces"."

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Christus Vivit, 122

"Young people, beloved of the Lord, how valuable must you be if you were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ! Dear young people, "you are priceless! You are not up for sale! Please, do not let yourselves be bought. Do not let yourselves be seduced. Do not let yourselves be enslaved by forms of ideological colonization that put ideas in your heads, with the result that you end up becoming slaves, addicts, failures in life. You are priceless. You must repeat this always: I am not up for sale; I do not have a price. I am free! Fall in love with this freedom, which is what Jesus offers"."

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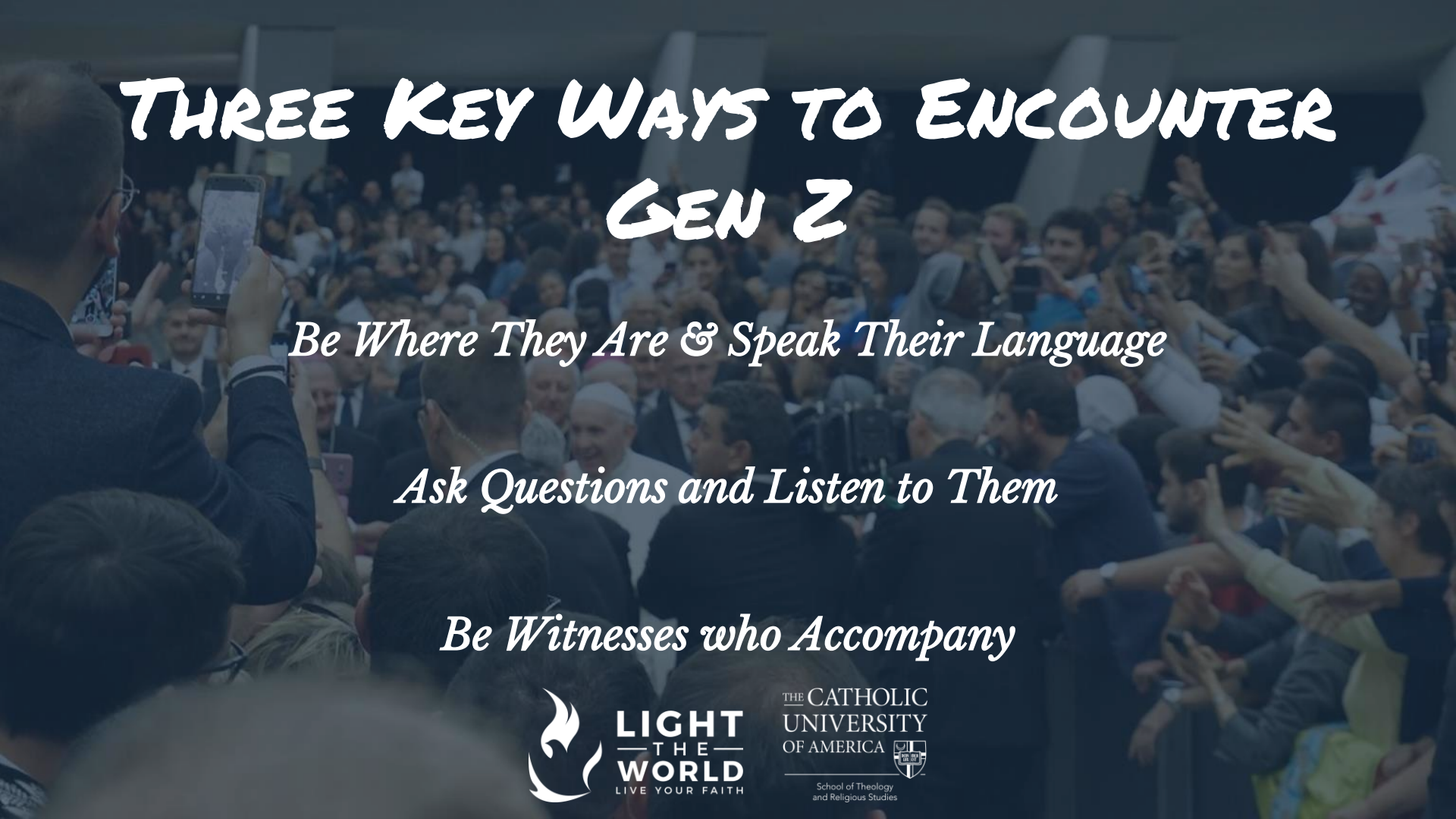

Three Key Ways to Encounter Gen Z

Be Where They Are & Speak Their Language

Ask Questions and Listen to Them

Be Witnesses who Accompany

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Conclusion
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