

Thirsting for Justice

Dr Carolyn Woo

You are invited to create community online as we gather to share and grow faith.

How to Prepare and Run a Session:

Read *Saturday Sessions 'How To' Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

Presentation:

Thirsting for Justice

2018 (Talk begins at 20:54 approx. 1 hr)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AIfKTTAApo&list=PLBsLT6qblfDDtrY6eVf57mUAvVHEuqH-t&index=8&t=0s>

About the Presenter:

Dr. Woo assumed the position of CEO and president of Catholic Relief Services in January 2012. Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, it has expanded in size to reach more than 100 million people in nearly 100 countries on five continents. Dr. Woo, representing CRS, was featured in *Foreign Policy* (May/June, 2013) as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet and one of only 33 in the category of "a force for good."

This talk is longer than other sessions. Dr Carolyn Woo was a keynote presenter at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in 2018. It is set within a larger recording of Saturday morning praise and worship at the Congress. You are welcome to enjoy the whole recording, or you can scroll to 20:54 where Carolyn begins speaking. Carolyn shares her experiences leading up to and working with Catholic Relief Services, USA. Some of the stories of suffering that Carolyn shares in her presentation are confronting and graphic in nature and may evoke emotions or memories for the viewer. Please be aware of how you are feeling as you watch this presentation and if needed, please stop the presentation.

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The presentation goes for about an hour (the entire praise and worship an hour and a half). Watch the whole presentation in one sitting with a nice beverage and snacks or consider break it up into 20-minute blocks. The following questions are offered for consideration as you listen to Carolyn's presentation. There will be other things that you hear and feel and it will be great to hear the depth and breadth of your insights at the Saturday Sessions.

Questions to Ponder:

1. Out of the many insights Carolyn shared, what stood out for you?
2. Have there been experiences in your life where you have felt totally unprepared? What did that feel like and what did you do?
3. What do you know about discernment?
4. God's language is not pros and cons analysis but listening to the voice of God, through the spirit, in the joys and fears. How does that speak to you?
5. What insights have you gained from this time of isolation?
6. Can you recognise where your strengths are? Where have you seen God speak to you and others through your strengths?
7. What are ways to channel your own passions to benefit a larger group of people? When have you seen others do this?

Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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