INITIAL GREETING

1. THE CULTURE THAT DEBASES HOPE
A culture that does not generate hope
a) The first reason for the lack of hope in our culture is the lack of a place to go towards
b) Hope reduced to a will, hope a fact of will
c) Hope debased to something secondary

1.2. Pastoral reflections
d) A pastoral ministry devoted to organisation
e) Little attention paid to the great questions of mankind
f) The danger of self-centredness

1.3. The products of reduced hope
g) The reduction of desire to need. Three things: time, risk, limit.
h) The reduction of the subject to an individual

Pastoral attitude
"Hope is an intrinsic element in the structure of life, of the dynamics of the human spirit. It is an intrinsic structure of how we are made: we are made to hope, without hope we die.

2. THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL


2.2. Romans 5.5: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us".

2.3. What can we do?
i) "Forgetting the inner dynamic at work in the call to believe and contenting ourselves with piling on beliefs: this is the sin of our pastoral work".

j) "It is not enough to proclaim the Gospel, but it must be proclaimed as the Gospel".

k) "It is not that what is preached in Christianity is not Christianity, but that preaching is not Christianity".

l) "Strengthened by this hope, we behave with great frankness".

PART 3 - PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERATING HOPE

1. First. Move from a language of truth to a language of possibility in action.

2. Move from a language of command to a language of beauty.

3. Then, third, a meaningful language.

4. And fourth, it must have the style of gratuitousness.

5. It must touch on concreteness.

6. And attention to interiority.

7. Everyday life.

8. We were saying that hope, as well as trust, is combined with relationship.

9. And last point, we need to create an outgoing pastoral care.

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