

# You Are Invited & Encouraged to Look Again



After you've visited RE-SOURCE #2 and enjoyed some of its offerings, set aside some time when you can savor and ponder what you found there regarding "the wants of this age." Plan to take a second look at what was especially interesting to you. "The wants of the age" were Cornelia's words for "the signs of the times" which Pope Francis speaks of in his letter to open the 2025 Jubilee year of hope.

He reminds us that we are **"called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us."** He cites the Second Vatican Council which said that **"In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. In this way, in language adapted to every generation, she can respond to people's persistent questions about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other."** He goes on to say that **"we need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope."**

Here is a simple process that may help you look again at your own experience of the wants of this age as you encountered them in RE-SOURCE #2 but, above all, do whatever helps you listen for God's voice.



In the spirit of the prayer of examen:

- **Welcome** God's presence, and **ask for help** to see more clearly how God is inviting you, and the whole Society, to meet the wants of our age
- **Recall** where you spent time on the RE-SOURCE webpage, paying attention to what stands out — this could be a particular piece you read or viewed, a whole theme, or something across themes. Where do you feel drawn to look again? why?
- Go there, and **look again**; pay attention to what speaks to you now — about the meaning of this present life ... the yearnings of human hearts in the context of all creation ... the immense goodness present in the world ...
- Close this time by noting **how you hope to collaborate** more effectively with God's plan; **give thanks**