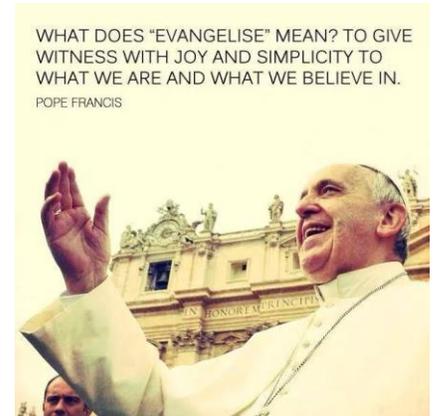


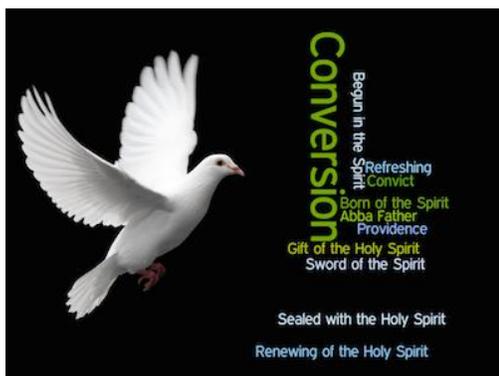
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INTO THE BREACH #11-Evangelization

In the Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men Into the Breach, we are made aware that a new apostolic moment is upon us at this time in the history of the Church. The Holy Spirit is bringing about what recent popes have termed the 'New Evangelization.' By evangelization, we mean the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all means available, such as preaching, teaching, witnessing a fruitful and faithful family life, employing media and other arts placed at the service of the Gospel.



You might ask "Why do we evangelize?" Dr. Scott Hahn advises us to look to Jesus as the primary evangelizer. Jesus said, "I no longer call you servants because the servant doesn't know what the Master is up to. I now call you friends." The ancient Greek philosophers considered it impossible to have friendship with the gods. They're just too unlike us. Well, when God came down to our level, He did so to raise us up to His level. If friendship in fact is the message that we share with Christ, it also ought to be the way that we share it with others, because friendship is what makes the gospel more than rhetoric. It's what makes it reality.



The key to living the faith isn't hitting people on the side of the head with a catechism. The key is to be Christ to others. So, one of the things that we have to recognize with regard to conversion is that conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit. You know we can plant seeds, but it's the Holy Spirit that causes them to flourish.

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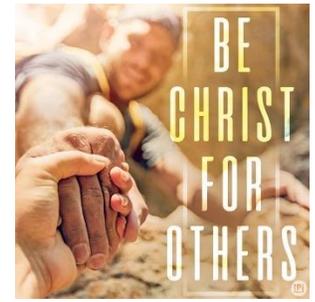
HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:15

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

2 Corinthians 5:20

“So, we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.”



1 Peter 2:9

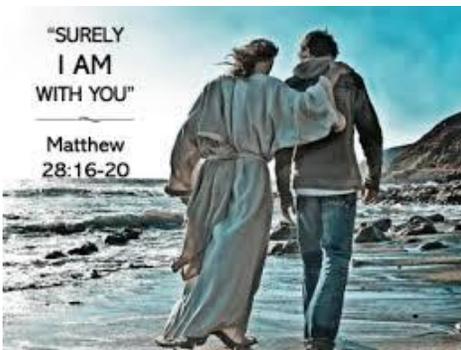
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, so that you may announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear.

John 15:26-27

“When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to Me. And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.””



Matthew 28:16-20

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

Catechism CCC 905

Lay people also fulfill their prophetic mission by Evangelization, “that is the proclamation of Christ by word and by the testimony of life.” For lay people this evangelization acquires a specific property and efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world.

MODERN COMMENT

What wonderful advice was offered in the video we just watched. Let's consider four different opportunities.

Share your story of faith. Identify at least one member of your family or a friend with whom to better share your faith. As Darrell Miller says, simply share the story of what God has done in your life. Ask the other person about their story and if they see God as being present in their life.

Serve the least among us. Perhaps you already participate in a parish ministry that serves the poor or needy. If not, consider selecting a charity or ministry at St. Hilary and begin volunteering on a regular basis as you are able. Serving the needy is a vital way to share Christ's love and witness to your faith.

Order your time to God. Ryan Young says that his life and time is God's. At the end of each day for a period of time (perhaps a week or a month), examine how you used your time that day. Reflect on where you used your time well, where you wasted it, and what you did and didn't do. Write down specific things you plan to better utilize your limited time, giving special emphasis on spending time with God in prayer and with your family.

Speak the truth. Tolerance in moderation can be a good thing, but taken to the extreme it can lead a society to believe that there is no such thing as absolute truth, only "my truth" or "your truth." What examples can you offer of how our culture and society today favor tolerance over truth?

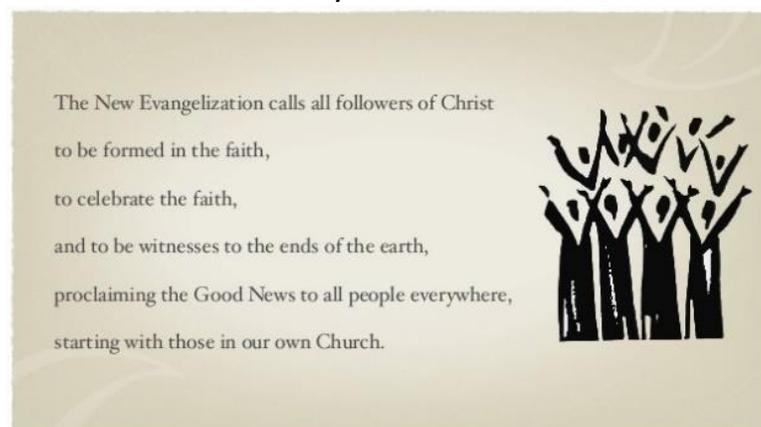
Tolerance

a word used too often to represent being patient and accepting of what is different rather than learning to understand the other, truly honoring our diversity.



"No culture – deeply Christian though it may be – is immune to the corruption of half-truths and hidden sin. Many fruits of our Christian heritage still exist, but the roots below the soil

are under siege. Much about our culture remains good and must be preserved, but it would be foolish to ignore the current and growing trends that threaten the remaining good, and dangerous to risk squandering the patrimony with which we have been blessed. The answer and only ultimate solution is the New Evangelization.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What have you done, or what concretely can you do to ensure your Catholic faith permeates all areas of your daily life?

2. Have you ever shared with someone why you are Catholic? Would you find it difficult to do that?

3. Have you ever invited a non-Catholic or a lapsed Catholic to attend Mass with you? Would you find issuing such an invitation embarrassing?



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Men's Group Calendar

A man who never quits is never defeated. We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.

4/22/2022	Planning Meeting	7:45 AM Meeting Room 2
5/14/2022	MEN'S GROUP	7:00 AM MASS
5/27/2022	Planning Meeting	7:45 AM Meeting Room 2
6/11/2022	MEN'S GROUP	7:00 AM MASS

NOTE: A Rosary starts in the Reservation Chapel immediately following the meeting.