

**YOU WILL BE  
MY WITNESSES**

**THE CHRISTIAN MISSION TO  
EVANGELIZE AND PROCLAIM JESUS  
CHRIST**

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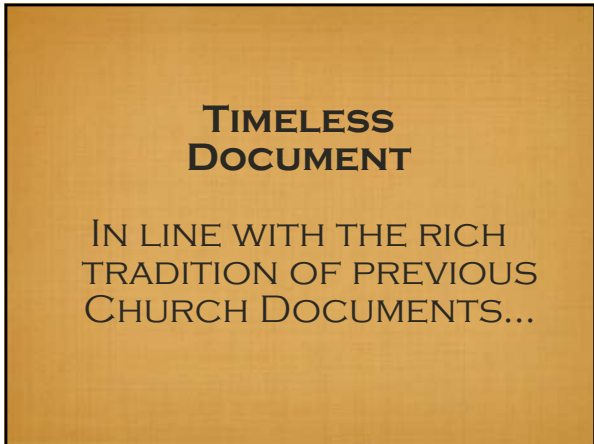
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JESUS CHRIST

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THE CHURCH IS MORE  
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**POPE  
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ESTABLISHES A  
NEW VATICAN DICASTERY

**PONTIFICAL COUNCIL  
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**“ TO ALL  
THE FAITHFUL  
CALLED  
TO  
HOLINESS  
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MISSION  
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ORDINARY LIFE ”**

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**“ WE SHARE IN THE BEAUTIFUL MISSION  
OF SPREADING THE GOSPEL OF  
JESUS CHRIST HERE IN SAN  
ANTONIO AND THROUGHOUT OUR  
NATION, OUR CONTINENT, AND OUR  
WORLD. ”**

*We are so blessed,  
my friends!*

**“ GOD “DESTINED US IN LOVE” TO BE HIS  
SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST ”**

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**“ WE EXIST FOR THE PRAISE  
OF GOD’S GLORY. THIS  
IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF  
OUR LIVES. ”**

**“ EVERYTHING WE DO IS MEANT TO BE  
SACRIFICE, SOMETHING THAT WE  
OFFER TO GOD, TO THANK HIM  
AND TO PRAISE HIM. ”**

**“ WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE  
HAS BESTOWED UPON US [...] BUT WE  
ARE ALSO CALLED TO TALK ABOUT  
GOD TO OUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORS,  
FRIENDS, AND CO-WORKERS. ”**

**“ THIS IS THE MISSION THAT JESUS CHRIST  
GAVE TO HIS CHURCH [...] “YOU WILL BE MY  
WITNESSES... TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH” ”**

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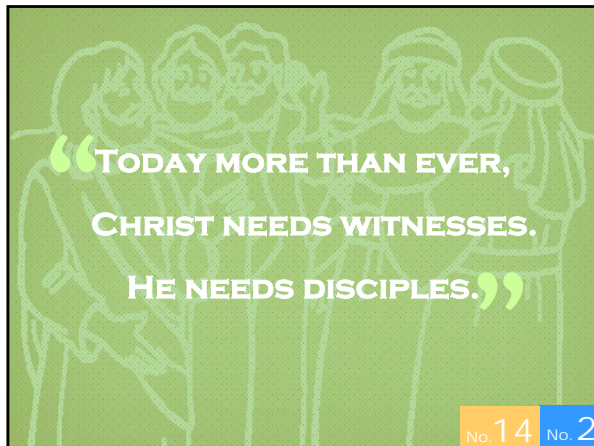
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**“TODAY MORE THAN EVER,  
CHRIST NEEDS WITNESSES.  
HE NEEDS DISCIPLES.”**

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**“GOD “WAS PLEASED TO REVEAL HIS SON TO ME IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT PROCLAIM HIM” [...] THE ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN.”**



**“THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PROCLAIM CHRIST. WE PROCLAIM CHRIST BY OUR WAY OF LIFE. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THIS: THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST IS THE DUTY OF EVERY BELIEVER.”**

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**“WE NEED TO REDISCOVER THIS FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE AND IDENTITY.”**

**“TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND HIS LOVE CAUSES US TO WANT TO SHARE THAT KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE WITH EVERYONE WE MEET.”**

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“ EVANGELIZATION BEGINS IN

- THE **HEART** THAT HAS BEEN EVANGELIZED,
- THE **HEART** THAT HAS HEARD THE GOOD NEWS AND BEEN CONVERTED;
- THE **HEART** THAT HAS KNOWN GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE.

WE **CANNOT** BE SILENT ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD AND FELT. WE **CANNOT** HELP BUT TO PROCLAIM AND TESTIFY TO THE GREAT DIFFERENCE THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS MADE IN OUR LIVES. ”

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“ WE HAVE A DUTY TO BEAR WITNESS TO GOD [...] WE WANT THE WORLD, BEGINNING WITH THOSE NEAREST TO US, TO SHARE IN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN. ”

“ HOWEVER, I ADDRESS THIS LETTER IN A SPECIAL WAY TO YOU WHO ARE LAY MEN AND WOMEN [...] WHO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLD AND ALL ITS SECULAR AFFAIRS. ”

“ LAY PEOPLE GIVEN THE DUTY [...] TO WORK... THIS DUTY IS ALL THE MORE PRESSING WHEN IT IS ONLY THROUGH THEM THAT MEN CAN HEAR THE GOSPEL AND KNOW CHRIST. ”

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“ THAT I MAY PREACH... FOR THAT IS WHY I CAME. ”

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“LET US GO ON TO THE NEXT TOWNS, THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO. FOR THAT IS WHY I CAME.”

“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE CREATION.”

“PRIESTS, DEACONS AND LAY PEOPLE, PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD JESUS AND BRING GREAT NUMBERS TO CHRIST.”



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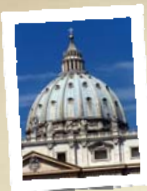
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“THE FIRST CHRISTIANS, EVEN UNDER THE THREAT OF PERSECUTION AND DEATH, PREACHED AND TAUGHT IN HOMES AND IN THE MARKETPLACE.”

“THE APOSTOLIC PREACHING DID MORE THAN CREATE INDIVIDUAL CONVERTS TO CHRIST. THE ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST WAS ALWAYS AN ENCOUNTER WITH HIS CHURCH. THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST AIMED TO BRING MEN AND WOMEN INTO COMMUNION WITH CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH THROUGH THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS.”

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“REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED!”

ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE THE APOSTOLIC PREACHING LED TO BAPTISM AND INCORPORATION INTO LOCAL CHURCHES,

EACH WITH ITS OWN BISHOP AND PRIESTS, EACH UNITED TO THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.”



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“ST. PAUL’S LETTERS INCLUDE THE NAMES OF LAY MEN AND LAY WOMEN HE DESCRIBED AS “FELLOW WORKERS” AND COLLABORATORS IN HIS MINISTRY”

“WITHIN THE LIFETIME OF THE APOSTLES, THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST HAD SPREAD TO EVERY CORNER OF THEN-KNOWN WORLD.”

“ALL BY THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD BY MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN TOUCHED BY THAT WORD AND WERE ZEALOUS FOR OTHERS TO HEAR IT AS WELL.”

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“WE NEED THAT SAME FAITH IN THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL, THAT SAME APOSTOLIC ZEAL FOR SOULS.”



WE NEED TO RENEW IN OURSELVES THE CONVICTION AND THE SENSE OF **DUTY** THAT ANIMATED ST. PAUL, WHO SAID:

“FOR NECESSITY IS LAID UPON ME. WOE TO ME IF I DO NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL.”

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“THE “PRIESTLY SOUL” OF THE LAY APOSTOLATE”

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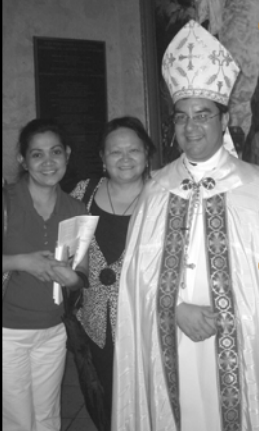
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“THE WHOLE CHURCH IS “APOSTOLIC” AND EVERY BAPTIZED BELIEVER SHARES IN THE “APOSTOLATE” [...] ALL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BISHOPS WHO ARE THE SUCCESSORS OF THE APOSTLES.”

“THE BISHOPS ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE OFFICE OF TEACHING, SANCTIFYING, AND GOVERNING IN CHRIST’S NAME.”

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“THERE IS A “COMMON PRIESTHOOD” OF ALL BELIEVERS [...]

YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD’S OWN PEOPLE, SO THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE WONDERFUL DEEDS OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT.”



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“EACH OF US WHO HAS BEEN BAPTIZED HAS A “PRIESTLY SOUL.” [...] YOU ARE CALLED TO OFFER YOUR DAILY WORK AND PRAYER AS A SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD.”



“LIVE AND WORK FOR GOD IN A SPIRIT OF LOVE, WITH A DESIRE TO SERVE HIM IN ALL THINGS AND TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO HELP THE SOULS AROUND YOU.”

“YOU ARE TO BE “WITNESSES TO CHRIST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND AT THE VERY HEART OF THE COMMUNITY OF MANKIND.”

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“THE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN YOUR COMMUNITY OR IN YOUR DAILY WORK MAY NOT HEAR THE GOSPEL IF THEY DO NOT HEAR IT FROM YOU.”



“TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVANGELIZING IS A MARK OF CHRISTIAN MATURITY, A PART OF FULLY GROWING UP IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH.”

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“THE PRIMARY APOSTOLATE OF LAY PEOPLE, SINCE THE EARLY CHURCH, HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO SPREAD AND DEFEND THE FAITH AMONG THEIR FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS AND TO BRING THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST TO BEAR ON THE ISSUES FACING THEIR COMMUNITIES.”

“LAY MINISTRIES ARE CRUCIAL TO BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THE ESSENTIAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ORDAINED PRIESTHOOD AND THE COMMON PRIESTHOOD OF THE FAITHFUL.”

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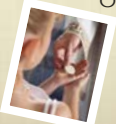
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“WE NEED TO PROMOTE POSITIVE COOPERATION BY LAY MEN AND WOMEN IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING ANY CONFUSION OR BLURRING OF THE LINES BETWEEN THEIR ROLES AND THE ACTIVITIES PROPER TO THE ORDAINED PRIESTHOOD.”

“AS LAY BELIEVERS POSSESSED OF A ‘PRIESTLY SOUL,’ YOUR PRIMARY MISSION IS IN THE WORLD, NOT INSIDE THE SANCTUARY OF THE CHURCH OR INSIDE A CHURCH OFFICE.”

“YOUR EVANGELIZATION MUST ALWAYS BE PROFOUNDLY ECCLESIAL AND INTENSELY EUCHARISTIC.”

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“MANY OF YOU WILL CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY TO EVANGELIZE IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR ORDINARY JOBS.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH NATURALLY IN THE WORKPLACE. THE MOST OBVIOUS WAY IS SIMPLY TO LEAD A GOOD CHRISTIAN LIFE.”

“SEEK TO SERVE GOD AND YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS EVERY DAY, THROUGH ALL THAT YOU DO AND SAY, THROUGH THE WAY THAT YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE.”

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“SAN ANTONIO WILL BE... THE HEART FROM WHICH WE WILL GO OUT”




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“IT IS OUR PROUD LEGACY AS THE CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO TO HAVE BEEN A PIONEER IN THE FIRST EVANGELIZATION OF AMERICA.”



POPE JOHN PAUL II REMINDED US DURING HIS HISTORIC VISIT TO SAN ANTONIO IN 1987

“TODAY IT IS YOUR TURN TO BE EVANGELIZERS OF EACH OTHER AND OF ALL THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS WEAK OR WHO HAVE NOT YET GIVEN THEMSELVES TO THE LORD. MAY YOU BE NO LESS ZEALOUS IN EVANGELIZATION AND IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE THAN YOUR FORBEARERS!”

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“OUR LEGACY IS OUR MISSION”

“LET US MAKE SAN ANTONIO THE GREAT HEART FROM WHICH THE NEW EVANGELIZATION OF OUR NATION GOES OUT WITH RENEWED FERVOR.”

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“YOU MUST BE EVANGELISTS. NO MATTER WHAT JOB YOU PERFORM IN THE CHURCH, YOUR MISSION IS TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE GOD WHO LOVES THEM.”

“THE TIME HAS COME FOR EVERY ONE OF US TO EXAMINE **WHAT WE ARE DOING**, PERSONALLY AND INSTITUTIONALLY, IN LIGHT OF **THE IMPERATIVE** OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION.



**WE ALL NEED TO ASK OURSELVES:**  
 “HOW IS MY WORK LEADING MEN AND WOMEN TO JESUS CHRIST?  
 IS CHRISTIANITY SPREADING TO THOSE AROUND ME?”

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“I AM VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE GROWTH OF **EVANGELIZATION TEAMS IN PARISHES** [...] THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF PASTORAL INITIATIVE WE NEED! THE PARISH EXISTS IN ORDER TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS.”

“I CALL UPON PASTORS AND PARISH LEADERS, IN COOPERATION WITH OUR **OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION**, TO BECOME EVEN MORE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING PARISHIONERS TO DEFEND THEIR FAITH AND TO GIVE ACCOUNT FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN THEM.”

“NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO INCREASE OUR COMMITMENT AND ZEAL.”

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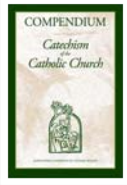
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“LET US DEEPEN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF GOD [...] READ A LITTLE EACH DAY FROM THE SCRIPTURES AND THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.”



“LET US CULTIVATE AN INTERIOR LIFE.”

“LET US GROW IN OUR DESIRE TO BE BETTER COMMUNICATORS.”

“LET US STUDY ANEW THE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION.”

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“COME TO AN EVER GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT POPE PAUL VI TAUGHT:

“THE TASK OF EVANGELIZING ALL PEOPLE CONSTITUTES THE **ESSENTIAL MISSION** OF THE CHURCH. IT IS A TASK AND MISSION WHICH THE VAST AND PROFOUND CHANGES OF PRESENT-DAY SOCIETY MAKE ALL THE MORE URGENT. EVANGELIZING IS IN FACT THE **GRACE AND VOCATION** PROPER TO THE CHURCH, HER **DEEPEST IDENTITY**. SHE EXISTS TO EVANGELIZE.”



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“TO LEAD MEN AND WOMEN TO... THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN THE BIBLE.”

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“WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM CHRIST IN A “DE-CHRISTIANIZED” CULTURE, A CULTURE IN WHICH POWERFUL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN AT WORK FOR SOME DECADES NOW, PATIENTLY ERASING THE INFLUENCE AND MEMORY OF OUR NATION’S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE FROM OUR LAWS AND PUBLIC POLICIES, FROM OUR ARTS AND LITERATURE, FROM OUR SCHOOLS AND MEDIA OUR LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS, FROM OUR ENTIRE WAY OF LIFE.”



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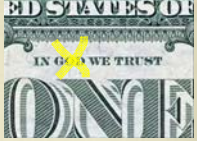
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“POPE BENEDICT XVI HAS DESCRIBED OUR CULTURAL MOMENT –AND THE CHALLENGE WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH– IN THESE POIGNANT TERMS: “THE REAL PROBLEM AT THIS MOMENT OF OUR HISTORY IS THAT GOD IS DISAPPEARING FROM THE HUMAN HORIZON...”

“LEADING MEN AND WOMEN TO GOD, TO THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN THE BIBLE: THIS IS **THE SUPREME AND FUNDAMENTAL PRIORITY** OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE SUCCESSOR OF PETER AT THE PRESENT TIME.”

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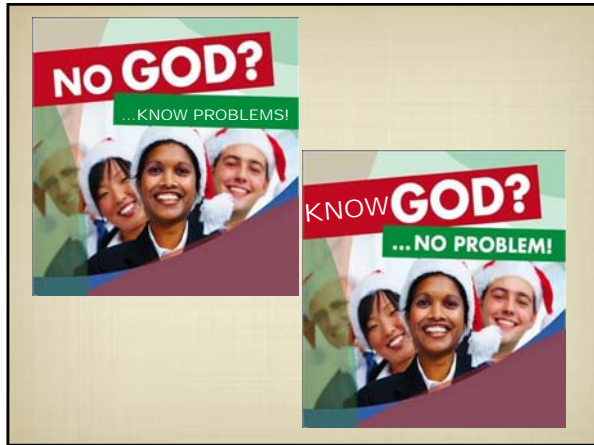
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THE HOLY  
**BIBLE**

“ TO LEAD MEN AND WOMEN  
TO THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN THE BIBLE,  
TO THE GOD WHO HAS SHOWN HIS FACE TO US IN  
JESUS CHRIST!  
THIS MUST BE **OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY** [...]  
THERE CAN BE **NOTHING MORE URGENT** TO OUR  
MISSION AS THE CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO. THIS  
MUST BE **THE MEASURE**  
BY WHICH WE JUDGE EVERYTHING WE DO.”

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“ **THE NEED FOR  
A NEW  
EVANGELIZATION OF  
CULTURE** ”

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“ THE NEW EVANGELIZATION REQUIRES A LUCID,  
SERIOUS AND ORDERED EFFORT FOR THE  
EVANGELIZATION OF CULTURE ”

“ WE MUST PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL AS  
LIBERATION, AS THE TRUTH THAT SETS MEN  
AND WOMEN FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN  
AND DEATH ”

“ WE MUST ALSO BE BOLD AND FORCEFUL  
CRITICS OF THE IDOLS, INJUSTICES, AND  
IMMORALITY WE FIND IN OUR CULTURE. WE  
NEED TO EXPOSE AND ROOT OUT CULTURAL  
FACTORS THAT MAKE IT HARD FOR PEOPLE TO  
HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND TO LIVE A JUST  
AND MORAL LIFE. ”

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“THE GOSPEL IS NOT A POLITICAL PROGRAM OR AN IDEOLOGY. IT IS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THAT. IT IS THE REVELATION OF THE LIVING GOD CONCERNING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HUMAN PERSON.”

“IN OUR CULTURE TODAY, WE CONFRONT A POWERFUL “ANTI-GOSPEL””

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“IN THE FACE OF THIS CULTURAL DENIAL OF THE GOSPEL, ALL OF US IN THE CHURCH ARE CALLED TO... TESTIFY... DEFEND... RESIST EVERY PRESSURE...”



“OUR EVANGELIZATION MUST AIM TO BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY.”

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“TO US HAS BEEN SENT THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION”

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“IT IS ALSO VITAL THAT WE GAIN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN OUR CULTURE. POPE JOHN PAUL HAS SAID, “THE VERY EVANGELIZATION OF MODERN CULTURE DEPENDS TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE MEDIA.””

““PERSONAL” MEDIA—COMMUNICATION DEVICES [...] HAVE BECOME PERVASIVE.””

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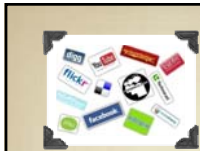
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“SOCIAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES HAVE “ANTHROPOLOGICAL” IMPLICATIONS. [...] THEY ALSO CHANGE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS.””

“THIS IS A REVOLUTION IN HUMAN COMMUNICATION THAT IS ALREADY HAVING IMPLICATIONS IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM AND OTHER AREAS OF SOCIETY. THESE NEW DIGITAL MEDIA HAVE THEIR OWN LOGIC, THEIR OWN VALUES, AND THEIR OWN “PSYCHOLOGY”.”



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“WHAT WE MUST DO, AS A CHURCH AND AS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS, IS TO FIND WAYS TO USE THESE TECHNOLOGIES TO HELP OUR FRIENDS SEE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS **THE “MESSAGE,”** THE WORD THAT EVERYONE IS WAITING TO RECEIVE. [...] WE NEED TO HELP OUR FRIENDS SEE THAT IN CHRIST, “TO US HAS BEEN SENT **THE MESSAGE** OF SALVATION.””



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“ WE NEED TO BE BETTER STUDENTS OF OUR CULTURE. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR CULTURE FROM THE INSIDE OUT – ITS VALUES AND ASPIRATIONS, ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, ITS POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS.”

“ WE NEED TO ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW INROADS, NEW AVENUES AND OPENINGS FOR THE GOSPEL, NEW WAYS TO COMMUNICATE CHRIST [...] LOOKING FOR THE “LANGUAGE” THAT BEST COMMUNICATES THE GOSPEL.”

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“ WE NEED CATHOLICS WHO ARE LIVING THEIR FAITH AND PROCLAIMING IT IN EVERY PROFESSION AND WALK OF LIFE.”

“ PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THESE AREAS DOES NOT MEAN “PROSELYTIZING. [...] IT MEANS DEMONSTRATING THE HARMONY BETWEEN FAITH AND REASON.”

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“ YOU MUST RESIST EVERY PRESSURE TO PRACTICE A “PRIVATIZED” RELIGION, TO KEEP YOUR FAITH TO YOURSELF. WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR CULTURE TO SHUT ITSELF OFF FROM THE VOICE OF CHRIST.”

“ OUR CULTURE IS GOVERNED BY A PHILOSOPHY THAT SAYS THAT THERE ARE NO HIGHER TRUTHS [...] YOU CAN HELP OPEN OUR CULTURE TO THE PURIFYING FORCE OF THE GOSPEL.”

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**“FOR WE CANNOT  
BUT SPEAK OF  
WHAT WE HAVE  
SEEN AND HEARD”**

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**“CHRISTIANITY HAS ALWAYS  
BEEN SPREAD BY ORDINARY  
MEN AND WOMEN, IN ORDINARY  
AND EVERYDAY  
CIRCUMSTANCES.”**

**“THE PEOPLE WE COME IN  
CONTACT WITH SHOULD KNOW  
THAT WE ARE “WITH JESUS” [...]  
THAT WE ARE LIVING FOR JESUS  
AND WITH JESUS.”**

**“THE STATE OF LIFE THAT YOU  
FIND YOURSELF IN [...] IS THE  
MISSION TERRITORY THAT GOD  
HAS GIVEN YOU.”**

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**“YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF CALLED TO  
PROCLAIM CHRIST TO PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT  
STATES OF LIFE AND AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF  
RELIGIOUS FORMATION.”**

**“WE CONFRONT POWERFUL CULTURAL  
PRESSURES TOWARDS RELIGIOUS RELATIVISM [...]  
RELIGIOUS INDIFFERENTISM OR A VAGUE  
RELIGIOSITY.”**

**“DESPITE THESE  
CHALLENGES, WE  
ARE STILL CALLED TO  
BE DISCIPLES AND  
MISSIONARIES.”**



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“TALK ABOUT JESUS CHRIST [...] WITH SINCERITY AND ALL HONESTY.”

“LET US NEVER BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL.

NOR SHOULD WE ALLOW OUR RESPECT FOR OTHERS' FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE TO BE AN EXCUSE TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT CHRIST.”

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“I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT TWO GROUPS IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY [...] MILLIONS OF HISPANIC IMMIGRANTS [...] IN DANGER OF DRIFTING FROM THE CATHOLIC FAITH TO OTHER RELIGIONS OR TO NO RELIGION AT ALL.”

“THE TENDENCY UNDER SECULARISM IS TO REDUCE RELIGIOUS IDENTITY TO A KIND OF “CULTURAL CATHOLICISM.””



“DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELVES TO DRIFT AWAY FROM THE TRUE FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS.”

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“¡SOMOS CATÓLICOS!”

“CHRIST NEEDS YOU AND HIS CHURCH NEEDS YOU FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION OF THIS LAND.”

“FIND NEW WAYS TO EVANGELIZE THE HISPANIC POPULATION.”

“WE MUST REEVALUATE OUR MINISTRIES AND OUR APPROACH [...] WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL THAT OUR WORK IS PART OF A CONTINENTAL MISSION.”

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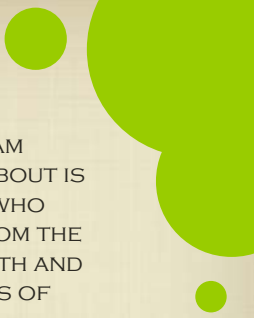
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“THE SECOND GROUP I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT IS BAPTIZED CATHOLICS WHO HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM THE PRACTICE OF THEIR FAITH AND FROM THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH.”



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“MAKE IT A **PRIORITY** TO REACH OUT TO THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS [...]”



- **INVITE** THEM TO COME HOME
- **REDEDICATE** OURSELVES TO HEALING THE WOUNDS
- **TALK** TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ABOUT WHAT IS KEEPING THEM FROM THE CHURCH.
- **ISSUE** A COMPASSIONATE CALL FOR OUR LAPSED CATHOLIC BRETHREN TO RETURN

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“WE NEED COURAGE TO WITNESS AND WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.”

“TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.”



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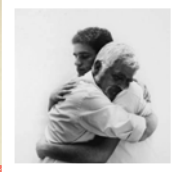
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“OUR LOVE FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS DEMANDS THAT WE TELL THEM THIS TRUTH – THE WHOLE TRUTH, ALL THAT JESUS CHRIST TEACHES AND COMMANDS.”



“THE GOSPEL DOES INDEED CONTAIN ‘HARD SAYINGS’”

“BUT CHRIST ALONE HOLDS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE AND WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM HIS WORDS AND WAY OF LIFE TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WE ENCOUNTER”

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“THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME, LIKE THE RICH YOUNG MAN IN THE GOSPEL, WHO TURN AWAY”



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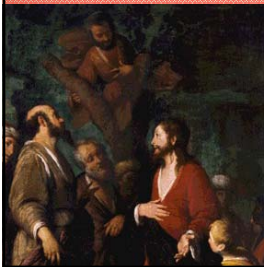
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“BUT THERE WILL BE MANY LIKE ZACCHAEUS [...] WHO WISH TO SEE JESUS AND WILL RECEIVE THE TRUTH JOYFULLY AND GRATEFULLY”



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“GO QUICKLY  
AND TELL...  
THAT HE HAS RISEN”

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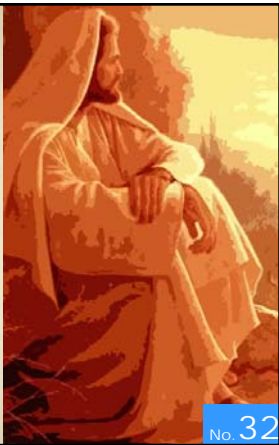
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“WE MUST BE CONVINCED OF THE TRUTH THAT THE APOSTLES KNEW, THAT EVERYONE IN SOME WAY IS SEARCHING FOR CHRIST. [...] MEN AND WOMEN OF TODAY STILL WANT TO SEE JESUS”



“YOU ARE THE ONES WHO MUST LEAD THEM TO OUR LORD.”

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“WE CANNOT PREACH THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS UNLESS WE HAVE FIRST EXPERIENCED ITS GOOD NEWS IN OUR OWN LIVES.

ONLY THE **HEART** THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED CAN LEAD OTHER HEARTS TO CONVERSION.

SO WE NEED TO PRAY ALWAYS FOR THE GRACE OF A NEW, DEEPENED, LIFE-CHANGING CONVERSION”

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“EVANGELIZATION FLOWS FROM OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST”

“PROCLAIMING CHRIST IS MORE THAN HANDING ON A SET OF DOCTRINES OR A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE. PROCLAIMING CHRIST MEANS BRINGING MEN AND WOMEN INTO A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST.”

“MY PRIESTHOOD AND EPISCOPAL MINISTRY HAVE ALSO BEEN DEEPLY SHAPED BY THE TEACHINGS AND WITNESS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II”



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“MY APPROACH AND UNDERSTANDING OF THESE MATTERS OWES A GREAT DEAL TO MY APPRECIATION OF THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ”



CHRIST’S PLEA IS ADDRESSED TO EACH AND EVERY CHRISTIAN. NO ONE CAN CONSIDER HIMSELF EXCUSED, FOR WHATEVER REASON: AGE, HEALTH, OR OCCUPATION ...

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“[IN THE] NEW TESTAMENT NARRATIVES ABOUT THE FIRST EASTER, WE NOTICE A COMMON THEME. EVERYONE WHO COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE RISEN LORD COMES AWAY FROM THAT ENCOUNTER WITH THE URGENT DESIRE TO RUN AND TELL OTHERS WHAT THEY HAVE WITNESSED.”

“WE ARE CALLED TO TESTIFY TO THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION IN OUR LIVES”

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“ ST. MARY MAGDALENE [...] RAN TO TELL THE APOSTLES, “I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!” ”

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“ WE ARE CALLED TO BE WITNESSES OF HIS RESURRECTION TO A NEW GENERATION. ”

“ THEY LONG TO MEET THE ONE WHO CAN GIVE THEM THE LIVING WATER THEY THIRST FOR [...] HOW CAN THEY FIND HIM, UNLESS WE SHOW THEM THE WAY? ”

“ THE FIRST APOSTLES WERE OVERJOYED TO SHARE THEIR DISCOVERY OF CHRIST: “WE HAVE FOUND HIM! ... COME AND SEE!” ”

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“ IT IS TIME FOR US TO RECLAIM THE EXCITEMENT AND JOY OF THOSE FIRST DISCIPLES ”

- LET US FALL IN LOVE AGAIN WITH CHRIST AND SPREAD HIS JOY, LIFE, [...] LOVE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.
- LET US REDISCOVER THE MISSION
- LET US GIVE PRAISE TO GOD ”

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“ I PRAY THAT WITH ST. PAUL, YOU WILL MAKE IT YOUR “AMBITION TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL,” IN EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO ”

“ I ASK ESPECIALLY THE INTERCESSION OF OUR PATRON, ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, [AND THAT] OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, [...] WILL GIVE COURAGE TO YOUR HEART ”

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**LET'S BE DISCIPLES!**

**LET'S BE EVANGELIZERS!**

**LET'S BE SAINTS!**

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