



## EVANGELIZATION

Whoever is called “to teach Christ” must first seek “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus”; he must suffer “the loss of all things . . .” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” and “to know him and the power of his resurrection, and [to] share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible [he] may attain the resurrection from the dead.”<sup>17</sup>

From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him, to “evangelize,” and to lead others to the “yes” of faith in Jesus Christ. But at the same time the need to know this faith better makes itself felt.

<sup>17</sup> *Phil* 3:8-11.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 428-429*

The fidelity of the baptized is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the Gospel and for the Church’s mission in the world. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. “The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God.”<sup>88</sup>

Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ,<sup>89</sup> Christians contribute to building up the Church by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until “we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”<sup>90</sup>

<sup>88</sup> *AA* 6 § 2.

<sup>89</sup> Cf. *Eph* 1:22.

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*CCC* 2044-2045

The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.<sup>269</sup>

All Christians by the example of their lives and the witness of their word, wherever they live, have an obligation to manifest the new man which they have put on in Baptism and to reveal the power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation.<sup>270</sup>

<sup>269</sup> Cf. *Mt* 18:16.

<sup>270</sup> *AG* 11.

*CCC* 2472

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for younger saints

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3. What is an “Andrew List”? An “Andrew List” is a list of those people whom we know that do not know the Good News of Jesus Christ. By writing down their names, we make a point to pray for them and for an opportunity to share our faith with them.

4. What does it mean to “evangelize”? To evangelize means to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by our words and the way that we live so that others may come to know Him and to enjoy eternal life with Him in heaven.

5. What are some ways that we can evangelize? Refer to your bookmark. You can also come up with some ideas of your own.

6. Recite your memory verse for the month.

**The Apostles’ Creed:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.