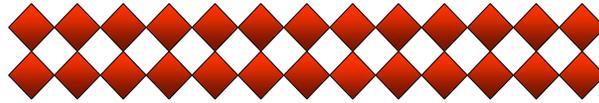


Ways to Promote The New Evangelization

Parish Communities may consider:

- preparing and praying the Sunday Eucharist in such a way that it becomes the centerpiece of all parish activity and life.
- keeping notices and efforts regarding Scripture study and formation groups current and visible to the parish community.
- thinking of creative ways to reach out to those who come to our parish for Christmas, Easter and special family occasions.
- making the Church's missionary activity a normal part of parish life; having



mission animation be a real part of everyone's formation. In the words of Pope John Paul II, missionary activity "renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive." Examples include "twinning" with a mission diocese or religious community, having children become active members of the Holy Childhood Association, etc.

- advertising and providing opportunities for people's participation in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and social justice.
- contacting the Secretariat for the New Evangelization for resources, speakers, prayer services, etc.

"Bring Jesus Wherever You Go."

-Blessed Mother Teresa

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"All are called to Holiness..."

" ... the Church needs genuine witnesses for the new evangelization: men and women whose lives have been transformed by meeting with Jesus, men and women who are capable of communicating this experience to others. The Church needs saints. All are called to holiness, and holy people alone can renew humanity."

Pope John Paul II
August 2004



These words of the beloved Holy Father were addressed to the youth of the world. They are words which resonate with all who are young of spirit. They are words full of hope and promise. They form the goal of the New Evangelization or Spread of the Gospel of Jesus in our time. Human progress and wholeness is achieved through holiness of life, and this holiness comes with meeting Jesus and falling in love with Him! Then, we are all called to let others know of the joy of loving and serving Christ. This is the main thrust of the New Evangelization. It is a mission that flows from our Baptism and out to the entire world.

Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly, that our lives may only be radiance of Yours. Shine through us and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel Your presence in our soul. Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus! Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine; so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours; it will be You shining on others through us. Let us thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around us. Let us preach You not by our words, but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to You. Amen!

- John Henry Cardinal Newman

Meeting with Jesus

How does a person have this meeting? Firstly, it must be desired, requested and prayed for!

"Ask, and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Our hearts and minds must be open and prepared to receive Christ as He chooses to come to us in the midst of our everyday lives.

Through a prayerfulness of spirit and an attentiveness to the spiritual dimension of life, we may be more disposed to recognize the Lord as He makes Himself known to us.

Opportunities for:

- quiet prayer
- reading the Scriptures
- works of charity
- the Sacraments of the Church
- the events, people and challenges of our daily life

All are given to us by God so that we may be able to "meet Jesus", His Son and Our Lord!

RECEIVE—The Eucharist

BELIEVE—The Gospel

CONCEIVE—Christ in your Heart