

# The Gospel of Everyday Life

## *An adventure worth sharing!*

### **The joy of belonging to Christ**

"My" family called to embrace the New Evangelization? How is that possible? What exactly does it mean? Who are we to presume to "evangelize" others? Isn't that the job of the pope, of bishops and priests? Where will we, laypeople, find the time to meet this new responsibility?

Many questions immediately arise – together with astonishment and a measure of nervousness – when one hears that the family is one of the most effective agents of evangelization: "In the Church and in society, now is the hour of the family. Families are called to play a primary role in the task of the new evangelization."<sup>1</sup> A return to the basics, a fresh look at the Gospel of Jesus Christ will open a new and unexpected perspective in our secularized world.

"It is good to recall that following the Resurrection, it was at the heart of families that the first evangelization began. It was there, with courage and strength, that the first Christians shared with their parents, with their brothers and sisters, with their children, with their friends – and that despite the threat of persecution – the joy of their encounter with the Resurrected Christ and the Good News of the love of God and his plan for humanity.

"Now, it is our turn! As the first Christians of the third millennium, we must make ourselves open to the Holy Spirit and learn to 'promote the Christian meaning of life through the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, carried with gentle pride and great joy in the various areas of daily life.'"<sup>2</sup>



## Yearning for Happiness

It is “ordinary” life that will be the “theatre” of the New Evangelization? Yes, everyday life – not lived alone, but with the constant companionship of the spirit of Christ who dwells in those who make a place for him who guides them, reassures them, comforts them and supports them making them bold and cheerful apostles. For, it is the Holy Spirit who is the great actor in all evangelization and who transforms hearts giving them the ability to love like Jesus.

If, for some decades, leaders of the Catholic Church have ceaselessly called for a “new evangelization” – new in its ardour, new in its methods, and in its means of expression – it is because too many of the baptized live as if God does not exist. Their way of life, their opinions, their choices are aligned with an atheistic or relativistic vision of life. Then there are all those people with whom we rub shoulders at work, school or university, in the shopping

mall, the subway or the bus, in our leisure and volunteer activities, in our neighborhoods, and even within our own families, who have never heard Christ spoken of seriously.

At heart – albeit often unconsciously – we all share an unquenchable thirst for happiness. Some researchers even attempt to establish a relative index of happiness for our contemporaries. They do this by questioning them about the importance of money, of work, of love relationships, environment, social solidarity, spirituality, and of political, judicial, media, labor, religious and other authorities.

“Today, men and women understand well that material prosperity is not enough to satisfy the profound aspirations of humanity. Material prosperity does not help to distinguish good from evil. It does not give meaning to existence. It does not respond to the fundamental human questions: Why am I alive? What is the meaning of death? Neither do liberty and democracy give an adequate response.”<sup>3</sup>

## The gift of faith

In fact, today as yesterday, “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God” (Rom 8:19). All around us, enumerable people long to be heard, to be encouraged, to receive a smile or a gesture of solidarity, good news for their lives. How, after experiencing it ourselves, can we fail to extend to them the message of God’s unconditional love and his hope of being invited to share in their lives? “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them” (John 14:23).

So it is true: my family – my *Domestic Church* – like all Christian families, more than ever is invited to respond to Christ’s call for a New Evangelization capable of generating



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a strong culture of life, justice and solidarity. "The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part."<sup>4</sup>

Perhaps we – parents and children – need to better understand what it means to belong to the Church – to belong to Christ. The Year of the Faith may be just the time to rediscover the beauty and greatness of this gift we have received in baptism.<sup>5</sup>

"We will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the 'pioneer and perfecter of our faith' (Heb 12:2): in him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received and the victory of life over the emptiness of death: all this finds fulfillment in the mystery of his Incarnation, in his becoming man, in his sharing our human weakness so as to transform it by the power of his resurrection . . . The year of the Faith . . . is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world."<sup>6</sup>



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Let us respond to this call! Perhaps then we will feel stirred in our hearts the prayer: "Lord, I believe, but increase my faith." The response will not be long in coming for Jesus said: "whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 16:23-24).

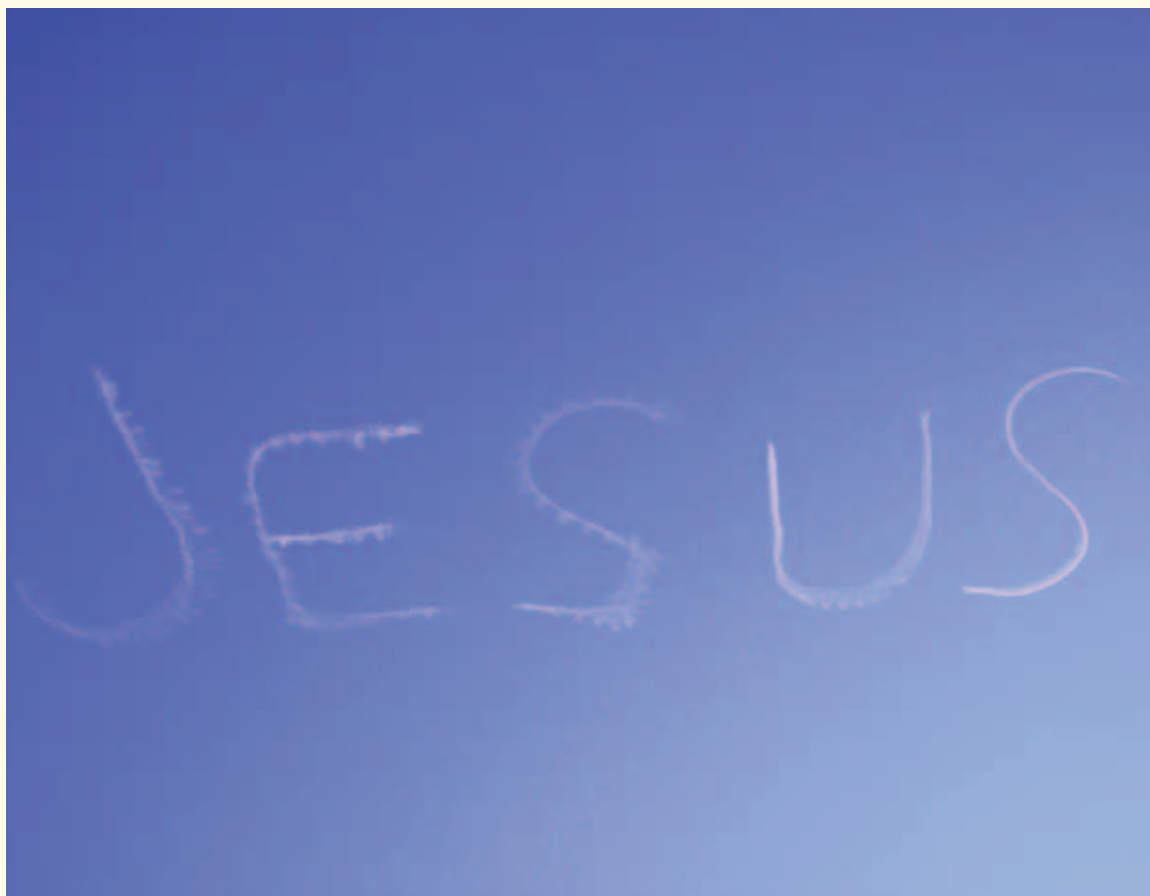
"That none of us grows lazy in the faith... What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end"

- Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*, 15

"Since the laity, in accordance with their state of life, live in the midst of the world and its concerns, they are called by God to exercise their apostolate in the world like leaven, with the ardor of the spirit of Christ"

- Vatican II, *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*, 2





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## FOCUS : Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God!

"But who do you say that I am?" (Mk 8:29)... This is a question that Jesus asks me, and each member of my family, today. Long ago, St. Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). My response is crucial, because my baptism made me a disciple of Jesus Christ; because it is he who should give all its meaning to my life – to my joys, my suffering, my dreams, my plans and because he asks for my help to build his Kingdom of love and mercy.

Needless to say that in order to want my life to conform to Christ's, I must first and foremost know him. This will spark in me a loving response and the desire to follow him.

"What good is it to me that Christ was once born of Mary in Bethlehem if he is not born anew in my heart by faith."

- Origen

"It is not only and not simply a matter of following Jesus' example, as something moral, but of involving the whole of one's existence in his way of thinking and acting. Prayer must lead to an ever more profound knowledge and loving union with the Lord, in order to think, to act and to love like Him, in Him and for Him. To practice this, to learn the mind of Christ, is the way of Christian life."<sup>7</sup>

In fact, Jesus Christ, is the epicentre of the new evangelization. "There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed."<sup>8</sup>

### Christ died for *me*?

That is why the starting point for the new evangelization is the proclamation of the *kerygma*.

Being messengers of the *kerygma* means telling those God puts on our path that:

- Jesus is the Son of God the Father and he desired to become one of us for love of us. He is true God and true Man;
- He gave his life for all of us; he suffered his passion and died to take away our personal sins (our lack of love);
- He rose from the dead. He has conquered death and evil for us and opened again the gates of heaven and the possibility of eternal happiness with God;
- He is our Saviour. He saves us from being separated from God for all of eternity.

So Jesus Christ died for *me*? He rose from the dead to open the doors of eternal life for me? To assure me of never-ending happiness? Such an awareness has the power to lead to a profound change of life and a definitive choice in favour of the Risen One. Then I will feel the need to know my Saviour better through catechesis. I will also feel the need to spend time



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with him in his Church, where, in communion with my brothers and sisters in faith, I will recognize him present and alive.

How can I help but desire the conversion of those who seek him, often without knowing it? Many are awaiting my invitation, which is Jesus': "Come and see" – a simple invitation to participate in the communion of the Church. One day, perhaps, one or another of my friends will ask me: "What must I do?" Following the bold example of St. Peter on Pentecost, I will answer: "Repent and be baptized" or "let yourself be reconciled with God in the sacrament of reconciliation."

Mercy, indeed, remains the soul of the new evangelization... "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28).

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2:42

## A Priority: Witness!

"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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:19-20).

This great adventure – for it is indeed a wonderful adventure! – began on a mountain in Galilee some 2,000 years ago. There, the risen Christ – the only human being to return from the dead, to have conquered death – met with his disciples. Just before returning to his Father, he entrusted to them the task of continuing his mission. But he did not leave them alone: 40 days later, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit took possession of their hearts giving them the strength to propose Jesus and his gospel to the whole world.

On the day of my baptism, I received the same call – a call that is both simple and

demanding: to proclaim, through my example and words, the passionate love God has for all his earthly children. This love is ready to forgive beyond all hope; amazingly, it increases through being shared; it is a Love calling us today to walk in his footsteps and live as he lived; it is a Love that awaits us at the end of our earthly journey in order to share his life and eternal happiness with us.

Christ depends on me, on my spouse, my children, to collaborate with his Holy Spirit in introducing him to the members of our families, our friends, our colleagues at work. He longs for a direct and intimate relationship with them as well. It will often be by hearing me say in *whose name* and *for whom* I live, and by noticing the marvels that God accomplishes in my life, that they will choose to open their hearts to Jesus.

### Proposing Christ's friendship

How can I recognize the presence and action of God in my life? It is impossible if I do not spend time with Jesus Christ in prayer, in reading and meditating on the Gospel, in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. From these encounters, a personal relationship of love will gradually be born. I will receive the grace of a gratuitous encounter with Christ.

"The first response to the major challenge of our time lies in the profound conversion of our hearts."

Pope Benedict XVI,  
to the Pontifical Council for the Laity  
(November 25, 2011)



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Then will come a key moment where I will choose, consciously and completely freely, to take him seriously and to follow in his footsteps. "To say 'Jesus is Lord!' means making a decision. It means saying: Jesus Christ is 'my' Lord; I recognize his full right over me, I hand the reins of my life over to him; I do not want to live 'for myself' any more, but 'for him who died and rose for me.'"<sup>9</sup>

The idea, then, is not to impose my faith or preach to people, but to offer the friendship of Christ through my humble witness of life and, when the Holy Spirit inspires me, through explicit words. (For example, "do you know that God is looking for you in the context of your everyday work?") The priority, therefore, is to become a credible and bold witness, for "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."<sup>10</sup>

In short, we encounter God through someone who has already encountered him. "For each one of you, as for the Apostles, the personal encounter with the divine Teacher who calls you friends can be the beginning of

an extraordinary adventure: that of becoming apostles among your peers, to lead them to have the same experience as you of friendship with God made Man, with God who made himself my friend."<sup>11</sup>

## Essential formation

Sooner or later, I may feel a need for some formation. As I discover the extraordinary richness of the gift of faith, I will see all dimensions of my life with new eyes. We will never finish discovering the content of the Christian faith, source of joy and hope in a world marked by a massive spiritual void. Discovering this treasure within the family, thanks to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, prepares us to enter into the new evangelization in a way that is convincing and articulate.

"The family can evangelize under its own roof, thanks to mutual love, listening to the Word, prayer, doing catechesis as a family, and learning from each other. It can evangelize in its own context through relationships with their neighbours, members of their families, their friends, their colleagues at work, in sports and in leisure, at school, etc.

"It can evangelize in the parish through faithful participation at Sunday Mass, involvement in the catechesis of children,

"The only thing that the Holy Spirit asks of us is that we give him our time, even if at the beginning it might seem like lost time. I will never forget the lesson that was given to me one day in this regard. I said to God: 'Lord, give me fervor and I will give you all the time you desire in prayer.' I found the answer in my heart: 'Raniero, give me your time and I will give you all the fervor you want in prayer.'"

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M., Cap.  
1st Advent Sermon to the Pontifical Household (2004)



participation in meetings of families, movements, and associations, through helping families in difficulty, facilitating marriage preparation and preparing parents for the baptism of their children.

“But the family can also evangelize at the heart of civil society by giving it new citizens,

by increasing the social virtues, by helping the poor, by joining civil associations based on Christian values to promote a culture and politics that are family friendly and respect their rights.”<sup>11</sup>

“‘We wish to see Jesus’ (Jn 12:21). This request, addressed to the Apostle Philip by some Greeks who had made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover, echoes spiritually in our ears too during this Jubilee Year. Like those pilgrims of two thousand years ago, the men and women of our own day – often perhaps unconsciously – ask believers not only to ‘speak’ of Christ, but in a certain sense to ‘show’ him to them.”

- Apostolic Letter *The New Millennium*, 16

## The laity: spearheading the mission

An undeniable necessity has become apparent at this time of the new evangelization: the awakening of the laity. Lay men and women are the spearheads of the mission at the heart of the world. They are best placed to go out and meet all those people who do not know God or who have chosen to ignore him. They are also best positioned to make these people aware of

Christ’s resurrection and of God’s unconditional love for them . . . “You are precious to me, and I love you” (Isaiah 43:4).

Like priests and religious, lay people grow up in a family. If this family is founded on the sacrament of marriage, it is a *miniature Church* that is called to play an irreplaceable role: to form children who will become citizens who are engaged in the transformation of society as well as citizens of heaven.

“Lay people, whose particular vocation places them in the midst of the world and in charge of the most varied temporal tasks, must for this very reason exercise a very special form of evangelization... Their own field of evangelizing activity is the vast and complicated world of politics, society and economics, but also the world of culture,

“Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you”

1 Peter 3:15



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of the sciences and the arts, of international life, of the mass media. It also includes other realities which are open to evangelization, such as human love, the family, the education of children and adolescents, professional work, suffering.

"The more Gospel-inspired lay people there are engaged in these realities, clearly involved in them, competent to promote them and conscious that they must exercise to the full their Christian powers which are often buried and suffocated, the more these realities will be at the service of the kingdom of God and therefore of salvation in Jesus Christ, without in any way losing or sacrificing their human content but rather pointing to a transcendent dimension which is often disregarded."<sup>13</sup>

God is counting on us, as parents, to make our children apostles of the new evangelization. Whoever speaks of *evangelization* is obviously talking about *relationships*, because we must enter into relationship with another person to be able to share with him or her the secret of our happiness. By nature, we are relational beings, because we are created in the image of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternally in relationship.

"The family is defined as a 'domestic Church', that is, in every Christian family the different aspects and functions of the life of the entire Church may be reflected: mission; catechesis; witness; prayer etc."

- *General Directory for Catechesis*, 255

"Pastors should have a profound respect for the witness and evangelizing work of lay people who, incorporated into the People of God through a spirituality of communion, lead their brothers and sisters to encounter the living Jesus Christ. The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity."

- Apostolic Exhortation *The Church in America*, 44



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"The family has a specific way of evangelizing, which is not made out of great speeches or theoretical lessons, but through everyday love, simplicity and daily witness. In this way the most important values of the Gospel are transmitted. By using this method, the faith penetrates as if by osmosis, imperceptibly but in a very real way."<sup>14</sup>

To be successful in providing our children with an authentically Christian formation, therefore, means helping them to blossom as relational beings, capable of giving themselves to others as Christ did in one of the Christian vocations: marriage, priesthood, religious life or apostolic celibacy. No matter what God's calling will be for each of them, they will be invited to be apostles of the new evangelization.



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## Riddle time!

A few certainties, deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of our children, will help them to answer “Here I am!” when Christ invites them to follow him as his disciples. These riddles will help us to discover, in children’s words, a few of these certainties...

**The greatest gift?** Life! I discover the beauty and greatness of life in a family setting where I feel loved unconditionally and respected.

**The second-greatest gift?** The faith I received in my baptism, which makes me a son or daughter of God, a member of God’s family – the Church. I will never be alone: not only because Christ is at my side, but also because I have brothers and sisters who support me through their friendship and their prayer. It is first of all in my family that I learn to know God our Father, Jesus our Brother and the Holy Spirit our Guide, Strength and Comforter. It is in my family that I learn to spend time with God, to trust God, to put God first in my day. What a privilege! My faith is a real plus in my life!

**The best news?** My life has meaning, has a goal. I know that I have come from God and that God will be waiting for me at the end of my life. Jesus, the Son of God, became human to show us the way. With him and in him, we can be co-creators and co-redeemers, which

means we can give life, give our lives and in that way bring our friends to him.

**The most important call?** To be like Jesus! To be saints who seek to adopt his way of living, thinking, loving and acting so as to build with him his Kingdom of love, justice and peace. It’s not that complicated, but we must be patient! The idea is to find Jesus waiting for me in my play, in my studies, in my work, with my parents, my brothers and sisters, my friends. When I do my best, because I love Jesus and I want to make him happy, and when I offer him all that I do, I am on the right path to holiness.

**The greatest freedom?** The freedom of the children of God! I am free when I choose to follow Jesus, because he is “the Way, the Truth and the Life”. I am free because I trust in God; God always watches over me and keeps me safe. I am free because God helps me to resist any bad ideas that could hurt others and lead me far away from him. I am free because he is always ready to forgive me in the sacrament of

reconciliation. I am free because I try to stay faithful to the One who is Goodness, Beauty and Truth: it is he, Jesus Christ, whom I try to introduce to my friends.

**The greatest challenge?** Staying faithful to Jesus in all I do and in all I say. Also recognizing him in others, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. Of course, it's difficult at times, but I count on him to help me to live in a way that is consistent with my love for him.

**The most important qualities?** To form my apostle's heart, my parents try to instil certain qualities in me: openness, generosity, a spirit of service, uprightness, simplicity, patience, humility, docility to the Holy Spirit, true affection for others, care for the poor, the ability to forgive, the desire to improve myself, perseverance, etc. Over time, I learn to make choices that may be different from those of my friends who don't yet know Jesus.

**The best habit?** Taking time for God every day. In my family, we read the Bible together, we talk to Jesus about our activities, our friends, our good deeds and our bad; we ask for God's help and for God's forgiveness. I love it when we tell God he is great and wonderful, and good for us! On Sunday, we go

to Mass together so Jesus can pour more love into our hearts to share with others. When we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, he transforms our hearts to make them like his own.

**The most urgent thing?** Learning to love as Jesus loves. Sometimes it is tempting to judge and condemn those who do not follow the good guidance of Jesus. We almost feel like leaving them alone and staying with those who share our ideas and our values. I'm told that many people suffer from not knowing Jesus. I think it is urgent to proclaim the good news of the love of God our Father for them. We have to roll up our sleeves and not be afraid to talk to them about Jesus.

"Never forget, dear young people, that in the end your happiness, our happiness, depends on the encounter with Jesus and on friendship with him ... Those who have discovered Christ must bring others to him too, given that a great joy should not be kept for oneself but passed on."

- Pope Benedict XVI,  
UNIV Congress (April 2006)

## Want to know more?

Three additional COLF publications will definitely be of interest:

■ *Families, where are the saints of the third millennium?*

A reflection on the transmission of the faith.

■ *Work + Love = Holiness!*

Discover how ordinary life can be the place of an extraordinary encounter with God.

■ *Families, let's build a better world together!*

A call to assume our Christian responsibility in the midst of the world.

- 1 Blessed John Paul II, Address at the World Meeting of Families, 8 October 1994, No. 6.
- 2 Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC), *Elements of a National Pastoral Initiative for Life and the Family*, 2011, p. 5.
- 3 Nicolas Sarkozy, then French Minister of State, speaking during the 19th Men and Religion Congress organized in Lyon by the Community of Sant'Egidio, 11 September 2005 (Zenit) (COLF translation).
- 4 Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no 71.
- 5 In his Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei* (Door of Faith), the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a "Year of the Faith" (11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013).
- 6 *Porta Fidei*, nos. 13 and 6.
- 7 Pope Benedict XVI, General audience, 27 June 2012.
- 8 *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 22.
- 9 Fr, Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap., First sermon of Advent, December 2, 2005 (Zenit).
- 10 *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 41.
- 11 Pope Benedict XVI, UNIV Congress, Rome, April 2006.
- 12 Most Rev. Jean Lafitte, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family, meeting with the bishops responsible for the "Family and Life" episcopal commissions of Latin America and the Caribbean, in Bogota, Colombia, March 29, 2011.
- 13 *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 70.
- 14 World Meeting of Families, 2009, Tenth Preparatory Catechesis, "The family, recipient and agent of the new evangelization", no. 4.



# THE NEW EVANGELIZATION: ARE WE READY?

- 1.** What is my reaction when I hear that my family is called to play an important role in the New Evangelization? Are we ready for this challenge? Why?
- 2.** Do I really know the One True God worshipped by Christians? This is not a God who inspires fear, but a God who is love, a tender and merciful Father. He, the One God, revealed himself to the world in the humanity of Jesus Christ his Son. Who is Jesus for me? Do I really know him? Do I take him seriously? Does that show in my daily life?
- 3.** Baptism, which has made me a child of God and a member of his family the Church, calls me not only to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, but to become a saint, to sanctify my work and to sanctify the world. How can this be done? Since my baptism, have I made a conscious and free choice to give my life to God, to give him first place and to walk in the footsteps of Christ? Do I seek to please him? How does he shine through my daily life? How can I make myself aware of living in his presence throughout the day?
- 4.** To watch me live and to hear me speak, would you guess that I am a disciple of Christ? Why? Do I feel embarrassed, ashamed or afraid of talking about Jesus Christ; or am I ready to witness to the joy of knowing Him and living with Him every day – to speak of the wonders of mercy that God is doing in my life? Around me, do people know for whom and in whose name I live? Do I have a heart-felt desire to make Jesus and his gospel known? Why?
- 5.** In this time of the New Evangelization, it is the same unchanging Gospel that we must proclaim. We are the first Christians of the third millennium; what can we learn from the experience of the early Christians? For them, the Creed (I believe in God . . . ) was a daily prayer because it sums up our faith. Do I know the contents of my Christian faith? Why? Could I go deeper? How?
- 6.** We are all invited to a permanent conversion. What does that mean? How can I help my children to meet Jesus – to think, to love and to act like him – and to understand that knowing Him is a *plus* for their lives?
- 7.** Christ comes to give full meaning to human life. What is that meaning? What is the purpose of our lives? How can we become

co-creators and co-redeemers? Are we convinced that Jesus Christ is the one and only Savior of the world – the only one able to satisfy the human heart's thirst for happiness? Far from imposing our view, how can we propose friendship with Christ to our friends, our families and our co-workers with ease in the context of our ordinary day-to-day lives?

- 8.** To become a credible and bold witness, full of contagious joy, we must first have the experience of Christ's friendship. It is also essential to receive ongoing formation. Where and when can I organize a study group that will explore, in the company of a competent person, the following documents:
  - The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (or its abridged form: the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*);
  - The Documents of the Second Vatican Council, especially *Lumen Gentium* (on the Church); *Gaudium et Spes* (on the Church in the Modern World) and *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (on the Lay Apostolate);
  - Encyclicals and Apostolic Letters of the two great interpreters of Vatican II: Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.
- 9.** The Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Jesus – is at the forefront of the New Evangelization. How confident am I in him? How greatly do I desire to do his will? How docile am I to his inspirations? Do I commune with him in prayer, by reading the Gospels and by partaking of the sacraments, especially the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist?
- 10.** My parish also has a role to play in the New Evangelization. What can I do to help make my parish more attractive, more inviting, more missionary – remembering that charity is expressed in works of brotherhood, outreach and assistance to those in need (material and spiritual). Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI counsels: "In every community, love each other, do not be divided but live as brothers and sisters, so that the world may believe that Jesus is alive in his Church and the Kingdom of God is near" (Homily at Frascati, Italy, 15 July 2012).

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