



# Welcome

**2019-2020 PARENT CATECHESIS**

# Modern Viae Romanae



# **Second Vatican Council**

**Decree on the Means of Social Communication**

**December 4, 1963**

**Second Document Released from the Council**

**(First was on Sacred Liturgy)**

**“Man’s genius has with God’s help  
produced marvelous technical  
innovations”**

**“The Church is particularly  
interested in those which directly  
touch the human spirit...”**

**“Chief among them are those means of communication which of their nature can reach and influence not merely single individuals but the very masses and even the whole of human society”**

**“It will be principally for laypeople to animate these media with a Christian and human spirit and to ensure that they live up to humanity’s hopes for them, in accordance with God’s design”**

# Communion & Progress

**“Communication is more than the expression of ideas and the indication of emotion. At its most profound level, it is the giving of self in love.**

**Christ’s communication was, in fact, spirit and life”**

# **The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear  
false witness**

**Social Communications media are “at  
the service of the common good.  
Society has a right to information  
based on truth, freedom, justice and  
solidarity”**



# Pope Francis

**“The presence of constantly new gadgets...at times leave no room for God’s voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din, filled not with joy but rather by discontent”**

**“The world of virtual communication is a good thing, but when it becomes alienating, it makes you forget to shake hands. We must keep young people grounded in the real world; to touch reality without destroying the good things the virtual world may have”**

# 4 Ways of Encounter

- ❖ **The Digital environment is the work of the Devil and should be avoided at all costs**
- ❖ **(*Shrug*) Its just the way things are now and we have to adapt**
- ❖ **Overlay digital technology on liturgy, worship, prayer and catechesis**
- ❖ **Enter the digital environment as Christians and express our Catholic identity within it**

# CSJ as Guiding Principles

- ❖ **Privacy: Human Dignity**
  - Theology of the Body**
  - Love and Responsibility**
- ❖ **Property: The Common Good**
  - Solidarity**
- ❖ **Participation:**
  - Rights and Responsibilities**
  - Faithful Citizenship**

# Some Distinctions

- ❖ **Technological Innovation vs. Human Progress**
- ❖ **Being “Connected” vs. Being in Relationship**
- ❖ **Opinion vs. Facts vs. Truth**
- ❖ **Digital Citizenship vs. Digital Discipleship**

# Some Suggestions

**Common Sense Media:**  
**commonsense.org**

**Focus on the Family:**  
**focusonthefamily.com**