

Office of Evangelization & Discipleship

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Parish workshop - Evangelization & Discipleship

“If you are what you are meant to be, you will set the world on fire”

Missionary Discipleship is the ongoing process of **Encountering Christ**, **Growing** in our relationship with him and **witnessing** him to others constantly.

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. *Mt* 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients.

Encounter

3. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk” Joy of the Gospel, 3

He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon - John 1:39

“The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God’s word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed.” - Joy of the Gospel, 24

“The joy of evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance: it is a grace which we constantly need to implore. The apostles never forgot the moment when Jesus touched their hearts: “It was about four o’clock in the afternoon” - Joy of the Gospel, 13.

“The sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church”: it must be preceded by evangelization, faith, and conversion. It can then produce its fruits in the lives of the faithful: new life in the Spirit, involvement in the mission of the Church, and service to her unity.” CCC 1072

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” - St. Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41

“In the Church there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission. “ - Decree on the Laity, 2

“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.” - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. - CCC 1

Grow

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. - Suscipe of St. Ignatius of Loyola

"So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth." - Rev 3:16

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

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"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" - Proverbs 27:17

"Man, tempted by the devil, let his trust in his Creator die in his heart and, abusing his freedom, disobeyed God's command. This is what man's first sin consisted of. All subsequent sin would be disobedience toward God and lack of trust in his goodness. - CCC 397

Witness

"And what you have heard from me through many witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." - 2 Timothy 2:2

"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize., that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection." - Evangelization in the Modern World, 14, St. Pope Paul VI

"An effective evangelization can only develop from a personal relationship with Jesus" - JP II

"For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" - Joy of the Gospel, 8

"Evangelization means to set out with CHRIST in order to pass on the gift that we have received, in order to transform poverty of every kind." - Pope Benedict XVI

Kerygma: Created, Captured, Rescued. Response (Fr. John Riccardo, Acts XXIX Ministry)

Encounter

1. What is your 4 O'Clock moment?
2. How is the Lord calling you to Encounter him anew each day?

Grow

1. How is the Lord calling you to Grow in love?
2. How is the Lord calling you to Grow in knowledge
3. How is Christ calling you to grow in community?
4. How are you living your Charisms?

Witness

1. Who might the Lord be calling you to share life with?
2. Who might the Lord be calling you to share the Gospel with?

Sharing the Faith: ACTS 2 Method

Pray (v. 1-4)

Propose (v. 5-36)

Response (v. 37-41)

Action (v. 42)

