

Evangelization 101:2

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE “NEW EVANGELIZATION”?

In the past, Evangelization was thought mainly to involve sending missionaries to foreign Countries, where the Gospel wasn't known; or, sharing the GOOD NEWS with an unbeliever and getting them to profess their faith in Christ.

So, what is this NEW EVANGELIZATION?

The NEW EVANGELIZATION is the work of the WHOLE Church: lay, ordained and consecrated. Its goal is to create a culture of faith sharing in our hearts, homes, parishes, and communities; in order to promote the values, principles and beliefs that reflect our faith with friends, family and coworkers by reaching out to one another through kindness. We are all called to evangelize. It is our God given duty. We expect priests and religious to do it, but they cannot do it all. If our faith is to reach past the doors of the Church, the Lay have to do it in every one of our encounters.

It is not merely BELIEF in Christ, but LIFE in Christ. It is where every one of us falls in love, grows in love and walks in love with the God that loves us.

Next time, we'll talk about How to start!

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