

The Year of Faith – A Call to Conversion



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Where are we going?





The Year of Faith

is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world.”

Porta Fidei, no. 6

ReNewal Evangelization

“The new evangelization is primarily a spiritual activity capable of recapturing in our times the courage and forcefulness of the first Christians and the first missionaries.”

Lineamenta for the XIII Ordinary General Assembly, The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith, § 5.

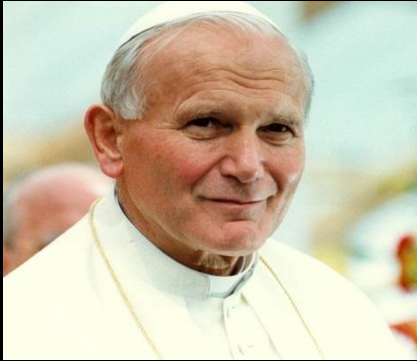
Why?



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“... a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people.”

Porta Fidei, no. 2



A personal faith

“The goal is for “all the faithful to move from a faith of habit, sustained perhaps by social context alone, to a faith which is conscious and personally lived.”

Ecclesia in America
(Church in America), § 73.

Obstacles



Cultural Obstacles

- Busy schedules or a lack of time
- Have family responsibilities
- Have health problems or disabilities
- Have conflicts with work
- Do not believe missing Mass is a sin
- Believe that they are not very religious peoples

- Only 23% of US Catholics attend Mass each week.
- Those 77% absent each week are *our parents, siblings, children, and friends*

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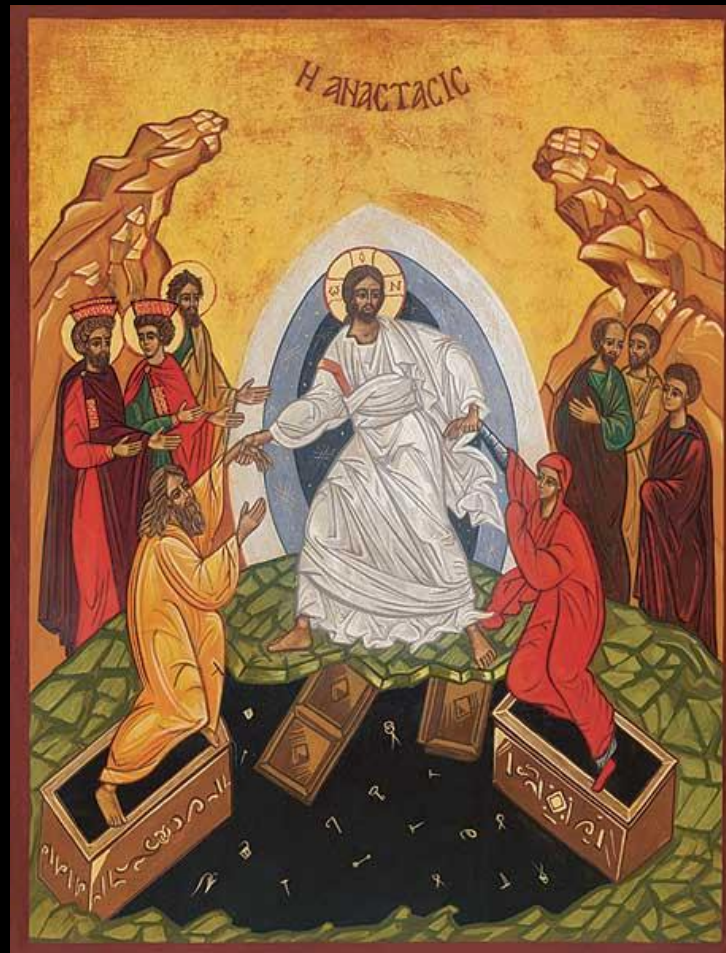
Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization, pg. 2

Societal Obstacles

- Secularism
- Individualism
- Materialism
- Moral Relativism

What?

Anastasis! Resurrection!



How?

Holiness



What is Time?

Everything!!!



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“It begins with baptism (cf. *Rom* 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...”

Porta Fidei, no. 1



Non dabet quod non habet





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“To evangelize means: to show the path (to Christ) – to teach the art of living.”

*The New Evangelization, Building the
Civilization of Love,*
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

The Church Alive, § 83



But from the most elementary level, to evangelize means to bring others to God. Each of us can and must do that through our words and deeds. Would the words you and I speak truly reflect words that would come out of the mouth of Jesus? Do our deeds inspire other people to do good

