

## NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR A RENEWED CHURCH

*As our Governments and Health Care Leaders begin a gradual lifting of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, I invite you to look ahead and try to imagine the state of the Church in the near future..., as well as the state of the Faith in our Catholic Christians.*

*So..., let us reflect and try to answer some questions, in order to be better prepared for the times ahead.*

**Questions:** *1- In your opinion, what will the post- pandemic Church look like? Will anything have changed?*

*2- What will the Christians be like? Will they still be the same as before? What has changed?*

*3- Will the world be able to recognize us as followers of Christ? Why?*

*4- Have we used this time of isolation as an opportunity to enter into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus through regular prayer time? Have we tried to learn more about our Catholic Faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church)?*

*5- Have we used this time to read some verses of the Gospels from the Sunday missalette, and pray even one decade of the Rosary with the family?*

**ANYONE CAN EVANGELIZE (=proclaim the central message of the Gospel).** *Yes, did you know that you don't have to have a degree in Theology or in Catholic Education to make Jesus known (evangelize)?*

*To evangelize is another word for "proclaiming or speaking the Truth about Jesus", which is the "central message of the Good News: Jesus lived, Jesus died for our sins, Jesus rose from the dead, Jesus will come again."*

*You may find yourselves in conversation with family members, with friends, with co-workers or with neighbours: you don't have to be shy or timid about your Catholic identity. If challenged, speak the message of Truth with conviction and firm kindness: "Jesus has revealed that God is our merciful Father, that He loves everyone and wants everyone to be happy with Him now on earth and then in*

**heaven. Jesus taught to love and forgive one another. For this Truth and our salvation Jesus died on the cross, and then rose again from the dead.”**

*This is just the longer version of the shorter one that we proclaim at each Mass right after the Consecration: “**Mystery of Faith: We proclaim your death o Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**”*

*Yes, it’s that simple. We have the account of eyewitnesses who lived with Jesus, saw him die and saw him alive again!*

*Millions of Jesus’ followers gave their life for this Truth. **The sad fact** is that a number of Catholics, even among those who attend Mass regularly, are not that convinced of this Truth.*

**DO NOT MISS THE TIME OF THE LORD’S VISITATION.** *The Lord Jesus is using this pandemic to **visit** his people, to **wake us up** and to invite us to place Him at the **centre** in our life and in our heart, to **give Him priority** over and above all else, because all else is transitory: here today and gone in the next moment, as we are experiencing at the present time.*

**EVANGELIZATION or LIVING THE GOSPEL VALUES BEGINS WITH YOU AND ME.**

*Let ask the Lord for the gift of Faith, let us make a decision for Jesus, let us put Him in the first place in all that we do, and let us live and act as He would.*

**“I have told you this, so that my own joy may be in you- and your joy be complete.” (John 15:11)**

*For your spiritual growth, you may want to check out the following websites:*

**Catholic.com ----- wordonfire.org ----- thereasonforourhope.org ---- wau.org**

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