

WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

It is not anything "new." It is a call to proclaim the Gospel anew. The New Evangelization gets its newness from its focus on the participation of all the faithful in its call to conversion and action, from its identification of an audience only recently identified, and from its call to a new ardor, new methods, and new expressions.

What does this mean to you?

There are endless ways to share the Gospel, from a quiet word of encouragement to witnessing to the homeless. All members of our parish are called to share the Gospel and our goal is to help you discover the best way for YOU to do so.

WHO ARE THE INTENDED AUDIENCES OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

The Evangelization focuses on two groups. The first are those already coming to Church who may have become as Pope Francis has warned, lukewarm in their faith. This group is called to a new ardor for Christ that emerges as they deepen their personal relation with Him. They are also called to a new commitment to engaging the culture with the inspiration and insight of the Gospel. The second group are those categorized as inactive parishioners, those alienated by the Church, and those who are unchurched. No matter their category, the New Evangelization strives to share the Joy of the Gospel with them.

What does this mean to you?

The Catholic Church wants YOU. We want YOU to be "at home" in the Church of the Holy Family.

WHERE DID THIS NEW EVANGELIZATION COME FROM?

As with all things, the New Evangelization comes from the Holy Spirit. In human terms, the New Evangelization can trace its origins to Pope Paul VI's document, *Evangelii Nuntiandii* (Proclaiming the Gospel), in which he wrote, "We wish to confirm once more that the task of evangelizing all people constitute the essential mission of the Church." The New Evangelization began to take greater shape in Pope Saint John Paul II's address in 1983 to the bishops of Latin America. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI renewed the Church's call to New Evangelization by creating a council for the promotion of the New Evangelization. Our current holy father, Pope Francis made the New Evangelization front and center in our faith through his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

What does this mean to you?

The New Evangelization is a worldwide Catholic Church initiative. This is the Catholic Church's great opportunity to bond together and make great things happen.