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THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

What is “new” about the New Evangelization is that we find ourselves today in a new cultural situation. The bottom line is that the way the Church has been handing on the faith since the counter-reformation is no longer effective in the modern world.



THE NEW CULTURAL SETTING

Traditionally, the Church has done evangelization in two primary ways.

- ***Ad gentes***: This is evangelization to those “out in the world” who do not know Christ, and to those who are not baptized.
- **Pastoral Care**: This is mission to those who are already baptized, who have been converted to Christ; those souls that are “fervent in faith and Christian living.” These souls also have a “profound Christian outlook.”

Where do most Catholics fit today?

CATHOLICS TODAY??

- Only 48% of Catholics are absolutely certain that they can have a personal relationship with God.
- Only 30% of people raised Catholic consider themselves practicing Catholics.
- 38% of Catholics rarely or never attend Mass.
- 13% of those who identify themselves as Catholic attend weekly Sunday Mass.
- Four times more Catholics leave the Church than enter the Church.
- CCD, Youth Groups, and Catholic Schools make little difference in whether a Catholic teen remains a Catholic as an adult.

THE RE-EVANGELIZATION OF THE BAPTIZED

The New Evangelization is directed “principally at those who, though baptized, have drifted away from the Church and live without reference to the Christian life... to help these people encounter the Lord, who alone fills our existence with deep meaning and peace; and to favor the rediscovery of the faith, that source of grace which brings joy and hope to personal, family and social life.”

—Pope Benedict XVI



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PARISH RESOURCES

NEW ARDOR, NEW METHODS, NEW EXPRESSION

The Church needs to focus on new ways of expressing and handing on the Gospel that will bring modern men and women into communion with Christ.



The background of the slide is a photograph of the interior of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The image shows the grand nave with its massive Corinthian columns, the ornate balustrade of the choir, and the intricate architectural details of the dome. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the scale and beauty of the space. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

NEW ARDOR, NEW METHODS, NEW EXPRESSION

- 1. Engages the Culture**
- 2. Expresses the Beauty of the Tradition**
- 3. Systematic Catechesis**
- 4. Call to Conversion**



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- **SYMBOLON: Knowing the Faith**
 - Sessions 1-10 (Creed)
- **SYMBOLON: Living the Faith**
 - Sessions 11-20 (Sacraments, Morality)





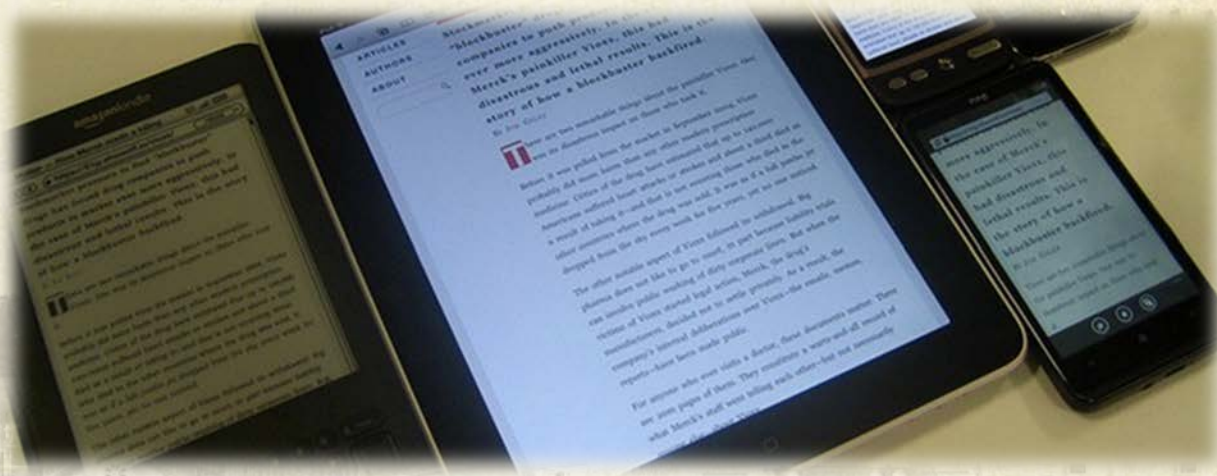
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- **Complete and Systematic Catechesis**
- **20 Sessions**
- **Video Component**
- **Easy to Use Leader's Guides**
- **Participant's Guides**
- **Engages the Culture**
- **Calls to Conversion**



TOTAL PARISH IMMERSION



Our digital platform allows every family in your parish to have 24/7 access to these dynamic and engaging resources.

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INSIDE PARISH

- RCIA Catechumenate
- RCIA Dismissal Sessions
- Men's/Women's Groups
- Before/After Masses
- Parent Sessions
- Catechist Formation



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OUTSIDE PARISH

- Individual Families
- Groups of Families
- Small Christian Communities
- Catechist/Leadership Home Study





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