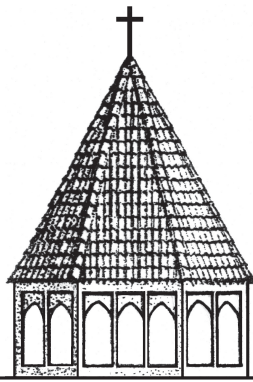


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NEW EVANGELIZATION

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Why is it described as "New Evangelization" that leads to "Porta Fidei?"

When Christ began His public ministry His preaching was: "Repent, believe." Another word for 'repent' is repentance or more completely 'a life of repentance.' This way of life was lived by Christ during His 30 years of hidden life. After His hidden life He showed signs of Faith (though Christ had this virtue from the beginning but we like to show how Christ was instructing us on what are steps to take that lead to Faith.) This hidden life was followed by His

sojourn in the desert where He overcame all the temptations of Satan.....this is the sign of Faith. So Christ demonstrated to us through His 30 years of hidden life the 'life of repentance' that leads to the 'door of Faith.'

The Apostles, too, lived their lives of repentance when they were followers of St. John the Baptist. John the Baptist's preaching was 'Repentance' as taught in the Old Testament. After their repentance, Christ called the Apostles to follow Him. Their ability to leave all things and follow Christ showed they had Faith. Faith enabled them to leave

all things to follow Christ. Christ gave them first the virtue of Faith that enabled them to leave all things.

So the words of Christ "Repent, believe" is Pope Benedict's Pontifical call to the Church during this "year of Faith." The Church is calling all bishops and priests to evangelize themselves by 'repenting and believing' and then evangelize the rest of the Catholic World by calling them to a life of 'repentance' that leads to the 'door of Faith'. Pope Benedict's 'New Evangelization' corresponds to Christ's "Repent" and the Pope's 'porta fidei' corresponds to Christ's "Believe." So far, there is nothing new in what the Holy Father had said. And He mentioned the fact that there was nothing really new here. It is the same classical, traditional evangelization mentioned by Christ in the last chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

So what is NEW in the 'new evangelization?' Nothing! Except that IT was forgotten for the last 400 years up to the present and if priests are reminded of it they will ALL find it so new. So we might as well call it 'NEW.'

If we study all the addresses of the Pope on the 'New Evangelization', which we shall review, it will be very clear that there is nothing new. It is exactly the same 'evangelization' instructed by

Christ to the first Apostles, it is the same one used by the Fathers of the Church, it has been the same one used by the Catholic Church from 60 AD up to the 1500 AD but suddenly forgotten after the Council of Trent up to the present. Nobody today remembers how it was before, that is why the Pope just allowed himself to fall into calling it 'NEW.'

Our problem is that the 'Lineamenta' and 'Instrumentum laboris' did not follow the schema already made by the Pope, which is according to the teachings of Divine Revelation and expanded by the Fathers of the Church. The two documents omitted the first two steps enumerated by the Holy Father. If a preacher followed the Liturgical calendar he would be on track if he wanted to prepare his parishioners ahead of the "Year of Faith." The bishops of China had begun preparing their faithful by praying the rosary and by studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church....they are on track. But a bishop-theologian gave a talk on TV to a huge audience on the "New Evangelization" and said that the first step was to be docile to the Holy Spirit. The way he described it he was explaining the third step of Pope Benedict's schema. But he said it was the first step omitting the first two steps. The new Bishop of Scotland addressed his new diocese with the same message:

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St. Teresa of Avila

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that in the "new Evangelization" the first step is "encounter with the person of Christ." This is not the first step. It is the third step in Pope Benedict's schema. The first two steps were omitted. Without the first two steps no one can reach the third or fourth step.

The schema in the 'Lineamenta' and 'instrumentum laboris' has not yet been imposed. It can still be modified or changed during the Bishop's Synod this October. But most bishops are already using it with it's important omissions....omissions that will prevent the faithful from reaching the 'Porta Fidei.'

A cardinal who just passed away described the Church as several hundred years old and tired. He was looking at the wrong church. He was looking at a cloned Church who like the cloned sheep suddenly grew very old and died. That was not the Church. The Church is young and alive. She is growing slowly to maturity and, so, a few minor improvements, fruits of the development of Christian Doctrine, as penned by Blessed John Cardinal Newman, are expected. This is what is 'new.' It is the OLD that has grown slightly to maturity and so slightly different but essentially the same.the same tree but slightly bigger and more perfect.....as expected in a living Church.

VIRTUES GUIDE FAITH

Faith is a theological virtue. But it is guided by other virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to progress to perfection.

Faith if guided by the gift of understanding which makes man penetrate the meaning of the mysteries. It is also guided by the gift of wisdom which makes him taste the meaning of the mysteries. But it is faith itself which makes us adhere infallibly to the word of God.

When faith comes, the soul strips itself of all discourses and arguments and, subjecting them to faith, it enthrones faith on them, recognizing it as queen.

No mother could snatch her child from a burning building more swiftly than God is constrained to succor a penitent soul, even though it should have committed every sin in the world a thousand times over.

Blessed Henry Suso

Faith and the Mystery of Christ

The more the spirit of faith grows in us, the more we grasp the sense of the mystery of Christ, who came into this world for our salvation. This mystery of Christ is expressed at the old Last Gospel of the Mass from St. John.

Faith will help us understand the Last Gospel in the Old Mass which contains the synthesis of what Revelation teaches about the mystery of Christ. It recalls to us the three births of the Word of God. First, His eternal birth; secondly His temporal birth according to the flesh; and thirdly His spiritual birth in souls. This Gospel is the summary of what is loftiest in the four Gospels.

The first birth of Christ....In the beginning was the Word. The second birth....and the Word was made flesh. The third....he came unto His own. But as many as received Him, He gave them the power to be the Sons of God.

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

St. Boniface

THE NATURE OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH.

The Holy Father Pope Benedict wants all bishops and priests to help the lay people find out if they have Faith or not. Their eternal destiny will depend on it. We cannot afford to commit a mistake in this matter. We wish to exert effort, therefore, to help all to answer this question by discussing everything pertaining to Faith.

Man is either governed by the spirit of the world or the spirit of Faith. He lives by the spirit of the world if all his motivations for all his actions is naturalism or natural activism.

When they have Faith they view all things from the higher point of the supernatural Faith which is based on the authority of God revealing, on the veracity of God who wishes to lead us to eternal life. St. Thomas described it thus: these three acts, to believe in a God, to believe God and to believe in God do not express different acts of Faith. These are a single and identical, essentially supernatural and simple act.

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