

“Fresh Wind
In Our Sails”



Welcome – The Papal Visit... what next?



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ONLINE RESOURCES

Launch of the Papal Visit Legacy Programme

A new programme has been launched to support the Catholic Community to contribute to the legacy of the Pope's Visit to the UK.

Called 'Some Definite Purpose' the programme reflects the content of Pope Benedict XVI's speeches, homilies and addresses during his September 2010 visit to the UK. A number of events and projects have been timetabled for 2011 and beyond, with the legacy of the Holy Father's visit categorised under six headings: 'To know our purpose', 'To grow in confidence', 'To witness to our faith', 'To serve others', 'To seek and engage in dialogue' and 'To point to the transcendent'. [Read More.](#)

Play Your Part In New Mission Era

The last year in the life of the Church in the UK has been unprecedented and seen an enormous outpouring of graces. In September and October 2009 the relics of the Patroness of the Missions, St Thérèse of Lisieux, visited our Isles. One year later His Holiness Pope



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[Information from the Catholic Enquiry Office](#)

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Thank you and God bless you.

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- Looking for answers?
- Want to improve your lot?
- Perhaps you're just looking for general information about Catholic life?



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Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation

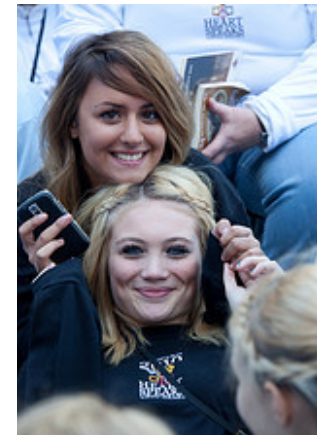
June 2010: The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced on the Feasts of St Peter and Paul the creation of a new Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation. During his homily delivered in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome he said that the new Council has "...the specific task of promoting a renewed evangelisation in countries where the first proclamation of the faith already resounded, and where Churches are present of ancient foundation, but which are going through a progressive secularisation of society and a sort of 'eclipse of the sense of God'; which constitutes a challenge to find the appropriate means to propose again the perennial truth of the Gospel of Christ."

[Full story from the Zenit news agency.](#)

[Full text of the Pope's Homily at the Feast of St. Peter and Paul](#)



The Papal Visit



Four days of historic and momentous encounters



“Fresh wind in our sails”



The Holy Father said on his return to Rome that the visit gave him “fresh wind for his sails” and it should be the same for us all – lay, consecrated and ordained.



CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI



“This Exhortation intends to stir and promote a deeper awareness among all the faithful of the gift and responsibility they share, both as a group and as individuals, in the communion and mission of the Church.” *CL 2*

“The various ministries, offices and roles that the lay faithful can legitimately fulfill in the liturgy, in the transmission of the faith, and in the pastoral structure of the Church, ought to be exercised in conformity to their specific lay vocation, which is different from that of the sacred ministry.” *CL23*

“The lay faithful have the ability to do very much and, therefore, ought to do very much towards the growth of an authentic ecclesial communion in their parishes in order to reawaken missionary zeal towards nonbelievers and believers themselves.” *CL27*



“Go out to the whole world,
make disciples of all nations”



“...each and every one of us can try to bring the Good News of God’s love in Jesus Christ to our personal world, to our particular circle of life, to every person whose life we share and touch.”

*Bishop Michael Evans,
East Anglia,
Pastoral Letter, Sept. 2010*





What are we putting up our sails to do?



Evangelisation *n.* from the Greek good news/message, evangelisation is to live, celebrate and share the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good News that God loves us.



Catholic Evangelisation: It is not?



Evangelisation is not:

- About 'Bible bashing'
- About always using words
- About forcing people to be baptised
- About never mentioning the name of Jesus
- Is never detached from a life of prayer
- Exclusively about social work
- About sharing **OUR** own interpretation of what the Good News is
- An option for the baptised



Catholic Evangelisation: It is?



Evangelisation is:

- My duty and joy to do as a baptised Catholic
- Something Jesus commissioned all his followers to do
- About love and service
- Demands courage on the part of the evangeliser
- Is never done alone. The Holy Spirit is always there to help you. Even Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two.



Catholic Evangelisation

- Both/and!
- It involves every area of life





Example of Jesus

Our role model and teacher

Our Saviour – not peripheral to his ministry but integral

E.g. Luke 4:43,
John 2:1-12, Mt. 9:27-31,
Luke 15:11-32, Mark 14:
17-21





Commissioned



“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave.”

Mt. 28: 19

Evangelisation = a way of life

The same mandate is being given to us today as it was to the apostles and saints.

You = called to be a saint of the new millennium





Church Teaching



“...for the presentation of the Gospel message is not an optional contribution for the Church. It is the duty incumbent on her by the command of the Lord Jesus, so that people can believe and be saved.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi 5

“Those who have received the Good News... must communicate and spread it.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi 13



The New Evangelisation

“I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to the new evangelisation.”

Pope John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* 3

“Over the years, I have often repeated the summons to the new evangelisation. I do so again now... We must revive in ourselves the burning conviction of Paul, who cried out: ‘Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.’ (1 Cor. 9:16).”

Novo Millennio Ineunte 40





New in...

Ardour

Means

Expression





Who is Jesus?



How would you answer this question in a way that people could understand?



- Second person of
- God made incarnate
- Virgin Birth
- Redeemer

- Friend
- Loves me unconditionally
- Son of the Creator of heaven and earth
- Knowing him gives me peace



What next?

Do not be afraid



Holy Spirit is with us



Discussion



What does evangelisation mean to you?
(Negatives and positives)

What are the things that currently make you apprehensive to try to do it? What holds you back?

What do you already do in your life and parish in response to the call to evangelise?

What has struck you most about what you've read so far?