



Forming The New Evangelists
for
The New Evangelization



Conversion – Formation – Evangelization
DISCIPLES FORMING DISCIPLES



What Not To Do...

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Evangelical Presumption

- +The mysteries of faith limit what evangelization can accomplish with the human intellect.
- +The mysteries of faith also limit what we can do with the human will.
- +Evangelization cannot trump human feelings.

What Not To Do....

Reducing Evangelization to Arguments

Cardinal Newman said, 'It is as absurd to argue men into faith as it is to torture them into the faith.'

What Not To Do....

Confusing the Faith with the Ministry of Evangelization

C.S. Lewis said:
 "I have found that there is nothing more dangerous to one's own faith than the work of an apologist. No doctrine of the faith seems to me so spectral, so unreal as one that I have just successfully defended in a public debate. For a moment, you see, it has seemed to rest on oneself; as a result, when you go away from that debate, it seems no stronger than that weak pillar. That is why we apologists take our lives in our hand and can be saved only by falling back continually from the web of our own arguments, as from our intellectual counters, into the reality – from Christian apologetics into Christ himself." (God in the Dock, 103)

What Not To Do...

Contentiousness and Pride

+ "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." (1 Pet. 3:15,16)

+King of the Hill

What To Do...

Holiness and Prayer

+We cannot give what we do not have.
+Always remember whose ministry it really is.

What To Do...

Holiness and Prayer ...The Soul of the Apostolate

"If the priest is a saint (the saying goes), the people will be fervent; if the priest is fervent, the people will be pious; if the priest is pious, the people will be at least decent. But if a priest is only decent, the people will be godless. The spiritual generation is always one degree less intense in its life than those who beget it in Christ." (Soul of the Apostolate, pg 39)

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St. Bernard, "If you are wise, you will be reservoirs and not channels." The channels let the water flow away, and do not retain a drop. But the reservoir is first filled, and then, without emptying itself, pours out its overflow, which is ever renewed, over the fields which it waters. How many there are devoted to works, who are never anything but channels, and retain nothing for themselves, but remain dry while trying to pass on life-giving grace to souls! "We have many channels in the Church today," St. Bernard added, sadly, "but very few reservoirs." (Soul of the Apostolate, pg 53)

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Holiness and Prayer ...The Soul of the Apostolate

+ "Those who pray," said the eminent statesman Donoso Cortes, after his conversion, "do more for the world than those who fight, and if the world is going from bad to worse, it is because there are more battles than prayers." (Soul of the Apostolate, pg 35)

+ "Orators, leaders, lecturers, catechists, and professors: we have all had nothing but mediocre success simply because there has not been, about us, a strong enough reflection of nearness to God." (Soul of the Apostolate, pg 189)

+ "For you can be sure that the extent to which you yourself are able to live on the love of our Lord will be the exact measure of you ability to stir it up in others." (Soul of the Apostolate, pg 57)

What To Do...

JOY


+ Why would someone want what you have if you are not happy?

+ It is joy in every situation that will increase a desire in people to seek the truth that you know

What To Do...

FAITH


- + Only the Holy Spirit can give someone Faith. Not us.
- + We must show our faithfulness to the Christ and His Church.
- + We must be Loyal.
- + Show them that the Faith is not in a Creed but in the Person, Jesus Christ.



What To Do...

HOPE

- + Trust in the Holy Spirit that He can use us as fit instruments, despite our faults.
- + Trust in the Holy Spirit that will provide the grace necessary for true conversion.



What To Do...

LOVE

- + Remember that you are a missionary, not a debater.
- + Love them anyway.
- + It is never too late to touch the heart of another nor is it every in vain.



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