

## \*THE NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: THE ROLE OF THE STUDENT LEGIONARY\*

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✦ Faith is the important(the first step) but that's not enough, we need to have knowledge about what we believe in.( knowledge of your faith is very very important).

### \*NEW EVANGELIZATION\*

- Knowledge of the faith.
- Living the faith.
- Sharing the faith.

✓ New evangelization : new forms of evangelization to reach out to those who have never experienced Jesus and to those whose faith are in crisis.

1. Operates in new areas where Christ is not heard.
2. To reach out to those who are already Christians (Catholics) but are not living as Christians to deepen their faith( they are only Christians by name).
3. To reach out to those who have drifted and are no longer Catholics.

### \*TRANSMISSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH\*

✦ Evangelization began on Pentecost day where the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and our Blessed Mother.

✦ Jesus gave us a mission to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

✦ The new evangelization is an agenda for the church.

### \*THE LEGIONARY\*

✦ Fight and defend the Catholic faith.

✦ Fight and bring back the lost Catholics.

✦ A soldier who fights to defend himself and to relieve others.

✦ we ought to welcome God's word in to our hearts and share it with others.

✦ in order to share the faith effectively, we need to know the faith, love the faith and live the faith.

✦ we need to know Jesus and accept him \*personally\*.

✦ To know \*about\* somebody is different from knowing the person

✦ We need to know Jesus, not just know about him.

✦ Catholics have the right message but our methods are not effective.  
\*Believe it, know it and live it\*

### \*PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS\*

✦ vibrant praesidia should be established and increase membership, and reviving existing ones.

✦ bring life to dying praesidia

✦ Send inspirational messages to dormant members and pay them visits.

✦ Distance to distance transmission of the faith using social media (modern technology)

✦ promote the reception of the sacraments especially the Eucharist, Penance and Holy matrimony.

✦ Go for mass everyday

- ✦ Have an altar in your room, pray in your room before your altar and mean it.
- ✦ organize seminars, lectures, symposia, etc
- ✦ concentrate on the spiritual aspect of Pax Romana
- ✦ use different aspects of the media to transmit and evangelise.
- ✦ new ways of mobilizing funds should be used to raise funds to support our programs.
- ✦ championing the recitation of the rosary during rosary months.
- ✦ invite new members to meeting.
- ✦ Have an agenda for evangelization
- ✦ Intensive teaching of the Catholic faith
- ✦ if you are not well grounded with your faith , how will you defend it.
- ✦ Follow the daily readings. ( 3 years time, you would have finished reading the Bible)
- ✦ let a legionary train himself or herself.
- ✦ Ask questions on what we don't know.

**\*SECOND TALK\* \_LEGION APOSTOLATE : OUR ROLE AND COMMITMENT IN THE LIGHT OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY\_  
BY: FR. JACOB TARDIE.**

- ✦ we have been called into his apostolate
- ✦ Our calling is a vocation

✦ our calling is also proactive. He has chosen us into this apostolate for a reason.

✦ our calling is also an invocation. Unworthy to be called, hence we need to pray.

✦ our calling is a convocation. It brings us together as a community for a common purpose.

**\*THE LEGION SOCIETY\***

✦ we are in a spiritual battle.

✦ This battle is within us in our souls.

✦ God has put in weapons within us to fight this battle.

✦ Qualities of the Roman Legion: discipline, obedience, loyalty, courage, unity

✦ Legion of Mary was adopted from the Roman legion.

**\*LEGION APOSTOLATE\***

1. The most important apostolate is true devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary.

2. Our weekly assignments must be united with our mother.

3. Love for the blessed Virgin Mary.

**\*SPIRITUALITY\***

Definitions:

1. Being related to the human soul

2. An attitude of the mind one has as moral codes.

3. A life guided by the Holy spirit, given by God the father, and the risen Christ in order that we will be able to see our brothers and sisters as so.

4. Anything that shapes your life and moves you towards God.

✦ the environment has a great influence on our lives.

✦ our family, how we are trained, form part of spirituality.

5. An inward journey of the soul into God.

✦ it's a life journey. Each of us have different spiritual journeys.

✦ our spirituality depends on our availability with our time and talents

✦ spirituality is a life in the spirit.

✓ we have to be personal signs of Christ. Others may see Christ in us.

✓ we must be specific signs of Christ. Use what Christ has given us to bring others to Christ.

\*Characteristics of Marian spirituality\*

✦ Joachim was 42 years old and Anne was 24 years old when they got married.

✦ it was after 20 years of their marriage that they gave birth to Mary.

✦ our homes should be a domestic church just as the home of Joachim and Anne.

✦ Mary's parents influenced her spiritual life.

✦ When God is going to be manifested , that's when Mary comes in. God uses her to manifest Himself.

✦ we need to surrender every crisis in our lives to Christ as Mary did.

✦ at the end of each day, we need to ask ourselves, did I allow mother Mary to use me?

✦ we need to practice the following as Mary did

→ silence of the eyes

→ silence of the ears

→ silence of the tongue

→ silence of the mind

✦ we must be people who listen to others and be empathetic as Mary did.

✦ she thought of her herself and thought of others as well.

✦ Having Jesus in us and giving Jesus out to others

✦ she transmitted what happened to her to others.

**\*WHO IS MARY\***

✦ it is high time we moved from devotion to Mary to imitation of Mary.

✦ we need to imitate her virtues

✦ Allow Mary and Jesus to take control of our lives, it is not enough to only know them.

✦ a true child of God regards God as their father and Mary as their mother

**\*MARY\***

✦ she is the treasurer of God.

✦ she is the administrator, dispenser of all the graces of God.

✦ she is a creature of God, chosen to become the mother of His son.

✦ it is God who chose her first, who are we not to choose her?

✦ she can give according to the disposition she finds in us. We must long for her and lean on her.

✦ we must have the capacity to receive (develop it)

✦ Her giving increases our capacity.

✦ if we open up, she will add more.

\*HOW CAN WE IMITATE HER?\*

✦ Ask her for it- prayer.

✦ believe that you will get it and thank God for giving you even though you are yet to receive it.

✦ Desire or long for it.

✦ cooperate with God to receive it.

✦ Begin to do it. Begin to imitate her. Lazy people cannot be Holy people.

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