

APOSTOLATE

SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS



BIBLICAL EXPERIENCE

- **CALL OF THE 12** **(LUKE 6:12-19)**
- **SENDING OF THE 72** **(LUKE 10)**
- **SAMARITAN WOMAN** **(JOHN 4)**
- **LYDIA** **(ACTS 16)**
- **PETER & PAUL** **(ACTS)**

POPE FRANCIS

225. CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND OPENNESS TO GOD'S GIFTS OF FAITH AND CHARITY. MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN AND THE POOR. OFTEN THIS SERVICE IS THE FIRST STEP TO A DISCOVERY OR REDISCOVERY OF LIFE IN CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. MANY YOUNG PEOPLE GROW WEARY OF OUR PROGRAMS OF DOCTRINAL AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION, AND AT TIMES DEMAND A CHANCE TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT OTHERS.

POPE FRANCIS

“IN VIRTUE OF THEIR BAPTISM, ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD HAVE BECOME MISSIONARY DISCIPLES... WHATEVER THEIR POSITION IN THE CHURCH OR THEIR LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH, ARE AGENTS OF EVANGELIZATION, AND IT WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO ENVISAGE A PLAN OF EVANGELIZATION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSIONALS WHILE THE REST OF THE FAITHFUL WOULD SIMPLY BE PASSIVE RECIPIENTS. THE NEW EVANGELIZATION CALLS FOR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE PART OF EACH OF THE BAPTIZED. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS CHALLENGED, HERE AND NOW, TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EVANGELIZATION; INDEED, ANYONE WHO HAS TRULY EXPERIENCED GOD’S SAVING LOVE DOES NOT NEED MUCH MORE TIME OR LENGTHY TRAINING TO GO OUT AND PROCLAIM THAT LOVE.” #120

POPE FRANCIS

OF COURSE, ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO MATURE IN OUR WORK AS EVANGELIZERS. WE WANT TO HAVE BETTER TRAINING, A DEEPENING LOVE, AND A CLEARER WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL. IN THIS SENSE, WE OUGHT TO LET OTHERS BE CONSTANTLY EVANGELIZING US. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD POSTPONE THE EVANGELIZING MISSION; RATHER EACH OF US SHOULD FIND WAYS TO COMMUNICATE JESUS WHEREVER WE ARE. ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO OFFER OTHERS AN EXPLICIT WITNESS TO THE SAVING LOVE OF THE LORD, WHO DESPITE OUR IMPERFECTIONS OFFERS US HIS CLOSENESS, HIS WORD, HIS STRENGTH, AND GIVES MEANING TO OUR LIVES. #121

APOSTOLATE IN ECYD

29. WITH THE CONVICTION OF BEING A LINK GOD HAS CHOSEN IN THE CHAIN OF REDEMPTION, ECYD ADOLESCENTS LIVE WITH AN ARDENT AND GENEROUS DESIRE TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD FOR CHRIST. THEREFORE, THEY DO NOT JUST DO APOSTOLATE; THEY ARE APOSTLES. THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OCCASION TO COLLABORATE WITH CHRIST IN MAKING HIS KINGDOM PRESENT AND TO GIVE WITNESS TO THEIR FAITH.

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30: ECYD ADOLESCENTS LIVE THEIR MISSION IN PRAYER AND BY GIVING WITNESS TO AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIFE OF SELF-GIVING FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS, AND APOSTOLIC INITIATIVE. THEREFORE, THEY SEEK TO BE LEAVEN IN THEIR SURROUNDINGS (CF. MATTHEW 13:33), ESPECIALLY AMONG THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS. THEY SEEK TO GO OUT AND MEET THE MOST NEEDY AND DISTANCED FROM GOD, TO COLLABORATE WITH CHRIST IN THE EVANGELIZING MISSION OF THE CHURCH, AND TO BE AVAILABLE TO HELP IN ECYD.

EXERCISE

- **FIND A PARTNER**
- **SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE “KERYGMA”
(YOUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD’S LOVE IN YOUR LIFE)**
- **LISTEN TO YOUR PARTNER SHARE THEIRS**