

EVANGELII GUADIUM

“Only the beauty of God can attract”

Pope Francis uses the word:

JOY 45 times

BEAUTIFUL 26 times

ATTRACT 25 times

He clearly wants the Church and we Christians to present a beautiful, positive and joyful face. |

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“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.

E.G 49

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100 years ago Letter of Pope Benedict XV – to give new impetus to the Missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel.

Every baptised Catholic has a duty to respond to Jesus' command to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"

Mark 16:15

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The “Essential Task” of the Church is to be “Missionary by Name.”

2nd Vatican Council 1966

“We must all walk the same path Christ walked. A path of poverty and obedience of service and self sacrifice ... we will then be imbued with love, sincerity and a peaceful spirit.”

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“The most missionary and thoroughly Christian thing we can do is to look redeemed and happy.”

The great theologian Teilhard de Chardin once said “joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.”

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Although Pope Francis has come up with the term “missionary disciples” in *Evangelii Gaudium*, it isn’t necessarily a new idea although it is important that we be reminded of it. For we are called not only to follow Jesus, but also to change the world, to proclaim the good news, to bring about the kingdom.

A “missionary disciple” is both a disciple and a missionary – disciple being a follower of Jesus Christ and a missionary being one who goes out into the world on a mission.

STEWARDSHIP IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

All people are called to make a decision every day to respond as a disciple of Jesus in everything we say and do.

All are called to see that everything is God's that all is gift and God is the Giver behind the Gift.

Ōhāriu Parish workshop of Stewardship.

SYNODS IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH AND IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

“From the beginning of my ministry as Bishop of Rome, I sought to enhance the Synod, which is one of the most precious legacies of the Second Vatican Council.”

Pope Francis

We must continue along this path. The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of its mission. It is precisely this path of Synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.”

ALL listening to the Holy Spirit, The Spirit of Truth

Pope Francis

FRANCIS ON DIOCESAN SYNODS

He referred to Diocesan Synods as ‘the noble institution” in which priests and laity are called to co-operate with the bishop for the good of the whole ecclesial community

We, therefore, are about the good of the whole community of the Church of Wellington, with all its complexities.

SYNOD 2017

“GO YOU ARE SENT”

– TO FIND NEW LEADERS

- Adventurous, creative people with initiative who are able to lead the parish in its response to community needs and are identified and encouraged to come forward.
- Understanding of leadership roles is broadened beyond those traditionally found in parishes and appropriate formation is provided.

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- Parish leadership and ministry teams encourage people to discern and offer their gifts in new and existing leadership roles, and to plan for succession
- New models of lay leadership (including team leadership and servant leadership) are sort and parishioners are prepared before implementing them.

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- Those in parish and Archdiocesan leadership roles collectively reflect the diverse (age, ethnicity, gender) make-up of the Archdiocese and parishes.
- Young people are encouraged, trusted and supported intaking the initiative in developing and leading new forms of ministry and outreach

LAY PASTORAL LEADERS

SYNOD DECISION - 1998

Should at any time there be insufficient priests available for appointment as pastors of all parishes, groups of two or more neighbouring parishes are to be formed into clusters, with one or more priests appointed to serve the cluster, and the pastoral leadership in those parishes without a resident priest being entrusted to a lay man or woman.

LAY PASTORAL LEADERS

Graduates - 29

Active Ministry

12

- Parishes
- Prison
- Hospitals
- Ethnic Chaplaincies
- ADW employees

5

1

3

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2

Not in formal Ministry

8

Resigned/Retired

9

LAY PASTORAL LEADERS

Formation for Lay Pastoral Leadership

- 18 Theology Papers
- 4 Pastoral Projects
- Monthly Spiritual Direction
- 3 Prayer Days and a Weekend Retreat annually

CHURCH LAW

CANON 539

A Bishop is able to appoint a parochial (Parish) Administrator, that is, a priest who will take the place of a parish priest in accordance with Canon 540.

CANON 540

The Parish Administrator is bound by the same obligations and has the same rights as a parish priest, unless the Diocesan Bishop prescribes otherwise.

CLERGY STATISTICS

Retired: 22 aged 76 – 93

In Parishes:

8 70-90

16 50 – 69

10 30 -49 (7 of these on loan)

The feeling of asphyxiation brought on by densely populated residential areas is countered if close and warm relationships develop, if communities are created, if the limitations of the environment are compensated for in the interior of each person who feels held within a network of solidarity and belonging. In this way, any place can turn from being a hell on earth into the setting for a dignified life.

Laudato si' 148

THANKS

- Society of Mary
- Leadership Team
- All who are trying to respond as disciples every day