

## Key quotes from Evangelization Documents

“Evangelization is the essential mission of the Church; it is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi 14

“Our pastoral concern is directed to those, who having been born in a Christian country, have not been educated in their faith and are, as adults, true catechumens”

Catechesi Tradendae 44

“Present conditions render ever more urgent catechetical instruction, under the form of the catechumenate, for innumerable young people and adults who, touched by grace, discover little by little the face of Christ and feel the need of giving themselves to Him.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi 44

“Proclamation is the permanent priority of mission....In the complex reality of mission, initial proclamation has a central and irreplaceable role, since it introduces man "into the mystery of the love of God, who invites him to enter into a personal relationship with himself in Christ" and opens the way to conversion. Faith is born of preaching, and every ecclesial community draws its origin and life from the personal response of each believer to that preaching.”

Redemptoris Missio 44

“Frequently the first evangelization has not taken place. A certain number of children, baptized at infancy, come for catechesis in the parish without receiving any other initiation into the faith and still without any explicit personal attachment to Jesus Christ.”

Catechesi Tradendae 19

“Evangelization is a rich, complex and dynamic reality, made up of elements, or one could say moments, that are essential and different from each other, and that must all be kept in view simultaneously.”

Catechesi Tradendae 18

“The Ministry of the Word takes many forms: evangelization that proposes to reawaken the faith. Catechesis follows. Then the liturgical form, (the homily). Lastly, the theological form. It is important to distinguish these forms. Each one obeys its own laws, though keeping among themselves an intimate connection.”

General Catechetical Directory (1971) 17

“This initial proclamation also proves necessary for innumerable people who have been baptized but who live quite outside Christian life.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi 52

“The proclamation of the Word of God has *Christian conversion* as its aim: a complete and sincere adherence to Christ and his Gospel through faith.”

Redemptoris Missio 46