

Stewards of the Gospel

Evangelisation in Our Lives and in Our Parishes

Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis invites "all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ" (Evangelii Gaudium 3)

Starting from the individual

•An assertion:

True evangelisation occurs when, and only when, an individual has a joyful experience of the living Christ.

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in personal prayer

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•in the beauty of nature, of other people, of music, art and poetry

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•in the church's liturgy and the sacraments

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•in the scriptures

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 in meaningful and lasting membership in a community

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•in marriage and family life

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•in the satisfaction of an intellectual search for truth

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•in living a life of loving service to others

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•in receiving loving service from others

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•in the person of a minister of the church

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- •in the joyful way of living of the members of the church
- ·... and in a multitude of other ways too

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•Do we need to acknowledge a crisis of confidence in our parishes?

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•Are we applying "best practice" in every parish?

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•Do we need to pay more attention to the spiritual development of each individual?

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•Is our formation in faith robust enough to last a lifetime?

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•Are we doing anything to create a truly missionary culture in our parishes?