

The Joy of the Gospel

BIG QUESTION: What is Pope Francis' message in Evangelii Gaudium?



Pope Francis issued his first Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium in 2013 (The Joy of the Gospel.)

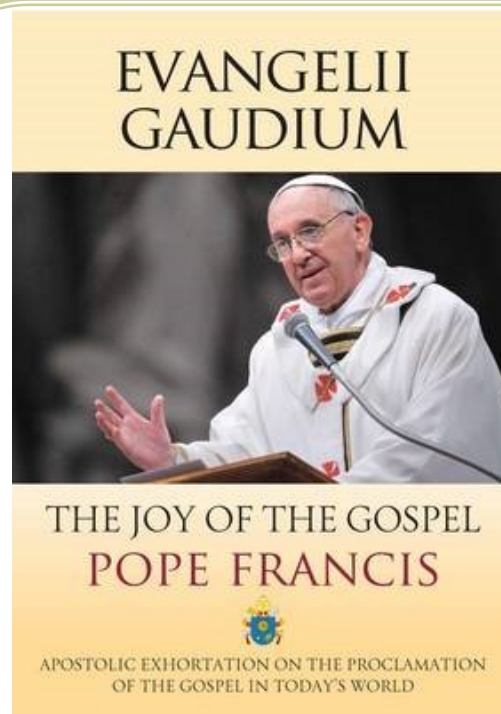
The 224-page document outlines the Pope's vision for a missionary Church, whose "doors should always be open". The Pope speaks on numerous themes, including evangelization, peace, homiletics, social justice, the family, respect for creation, faith and politics, ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and the role of women and of the laity in the Church.

"Let us ask the Lord to help us understand the law of love. How good it is to have this law! How much good it does us to love one another, in spite of everything. Yes, in spite of everything!" Pope Francis

"Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms. How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost!" Pope Francis

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

"Family as the domestic Church, rooted in the Sacrament of Marriage, is a primary evangelizing community."



"THE FAMILY CAN COUNTER THIS TREND BY REMAINING AS A PLACE WHERE HUMAN BEINGS ARE CLEARLY VALUED ABOVE FINANCIAL GAIN OR consumption."

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BIG QUESTION: How do we care for each other?



"HOW
CAN YOUR
FAMILY BE
PART OF
EVANGELIZING
THE CULTURE?"

1. "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."
2. "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord"
3. "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
4. "The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice."
5. "There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved."

Key vocabulary:

joy

evangelise

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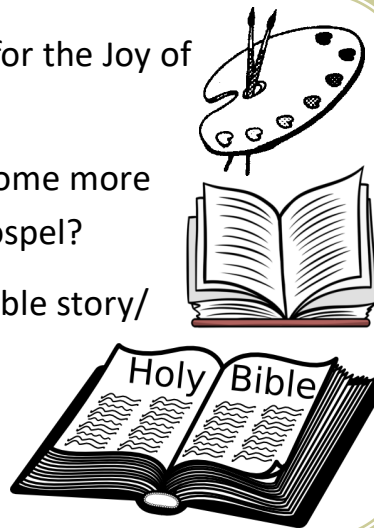
consumerism



Art Task: Can you design a logo for the Joy of the Gospel?

Reading Task: Can you find out some more key points about the Joy of the Gospel?

RE task: What is your favourite Bible story/ piece of scripture and why?
Illustrate the story and explain why it speaks to you personally.



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