

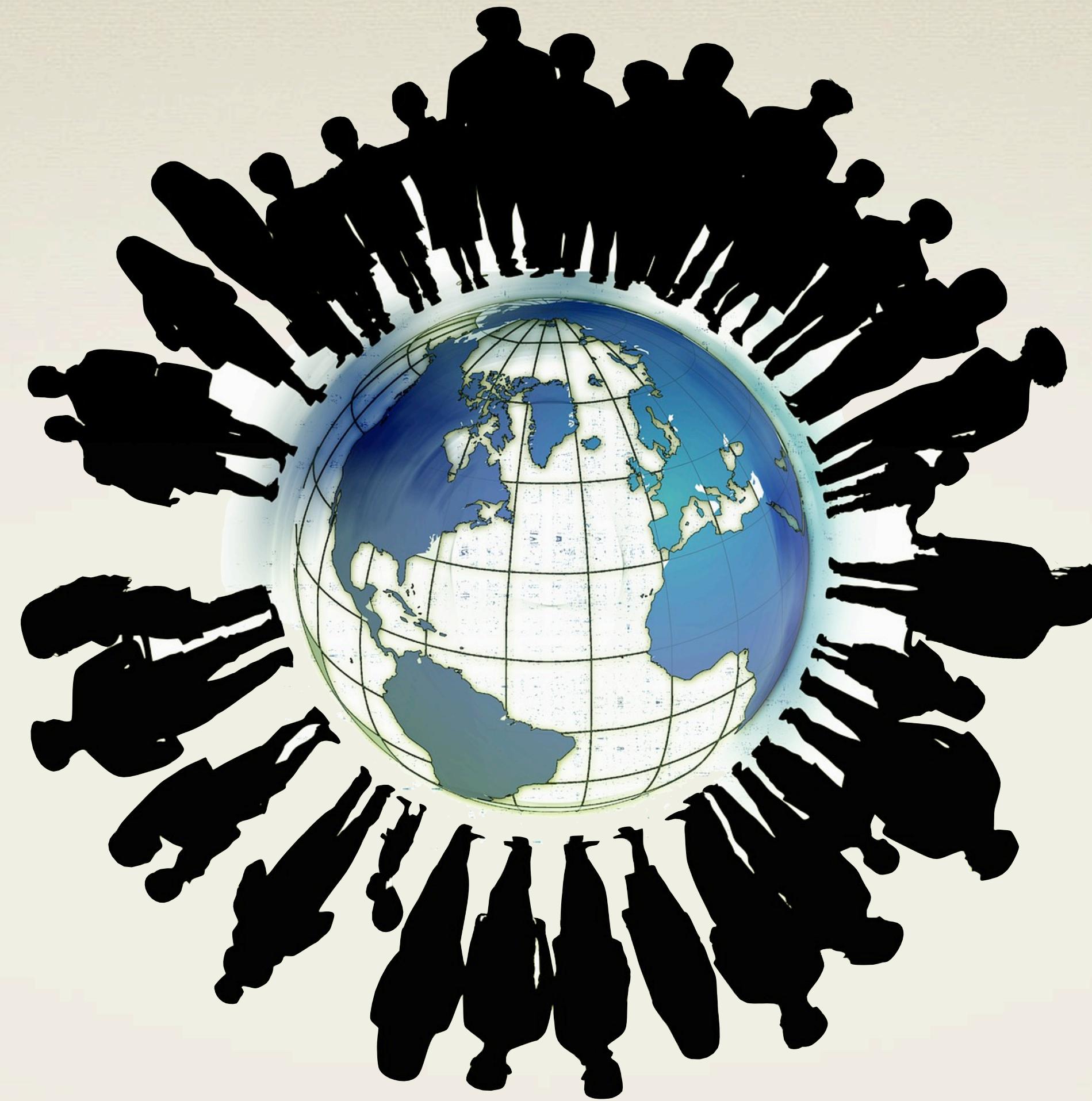
The New Evangelization and Social Justice



The New Evangelization calls all followers of Christ
to be formed in the faith,
to celebrate the faith,
and to be witnesses to the ends of the earth,
proclaiming the Good News to all people everywhere,
starting with those in our own Church.



The work of the Church is to bring all people into relationship with God,



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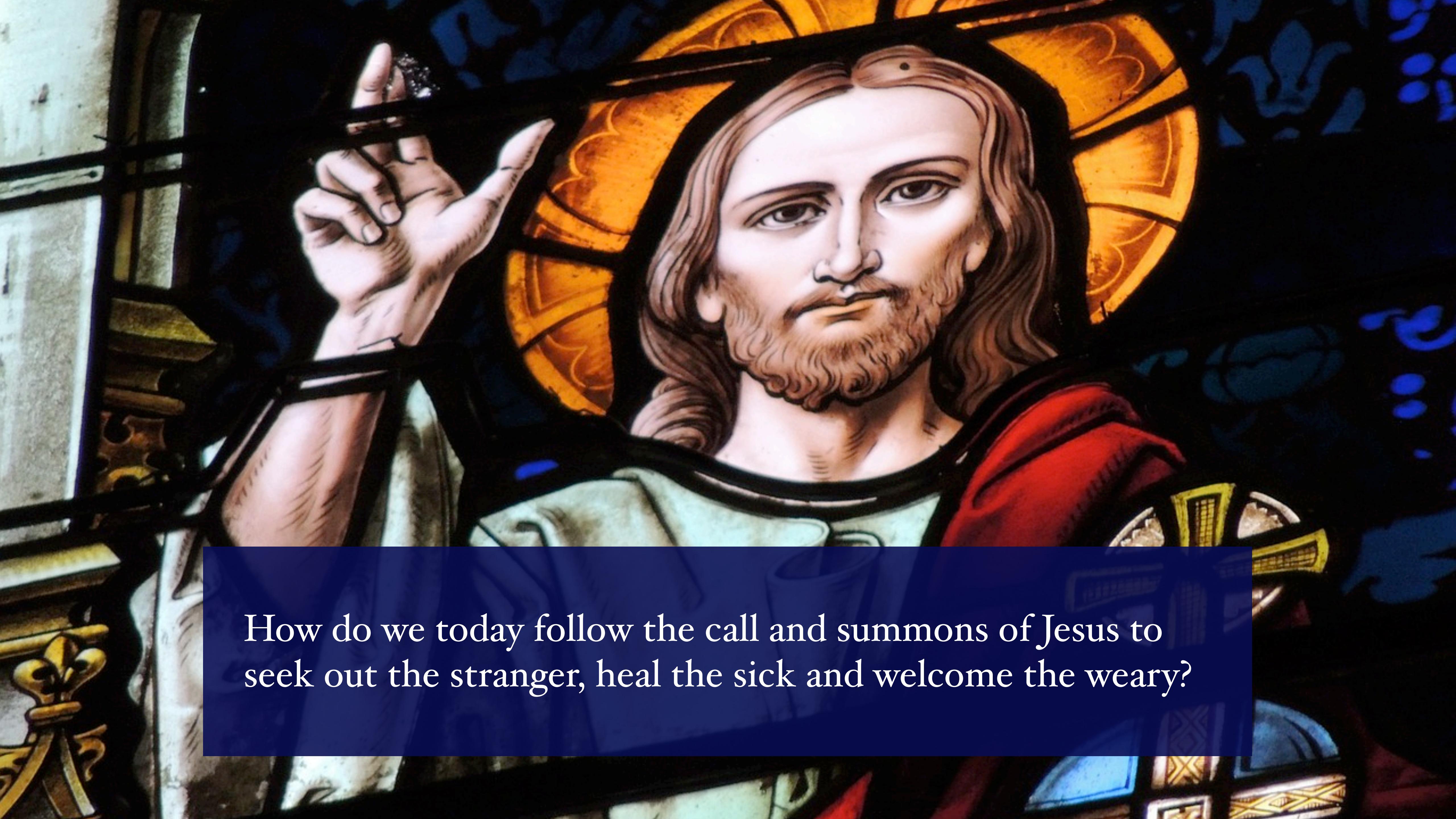
and also to transform and sanctify the society in which we live

**Thus, social justice
is an integral part of evangelization.**

- * An essential part of living our faith is exhibiting credibility through believers' witness of life.
- * Through their promotion of "action for justice," countless Christians have "put into practice the word of the Lord, who came to proclaim deliverance from oppression and a year of favor for all (cf. Lk 4:18-19)" (no. 13).



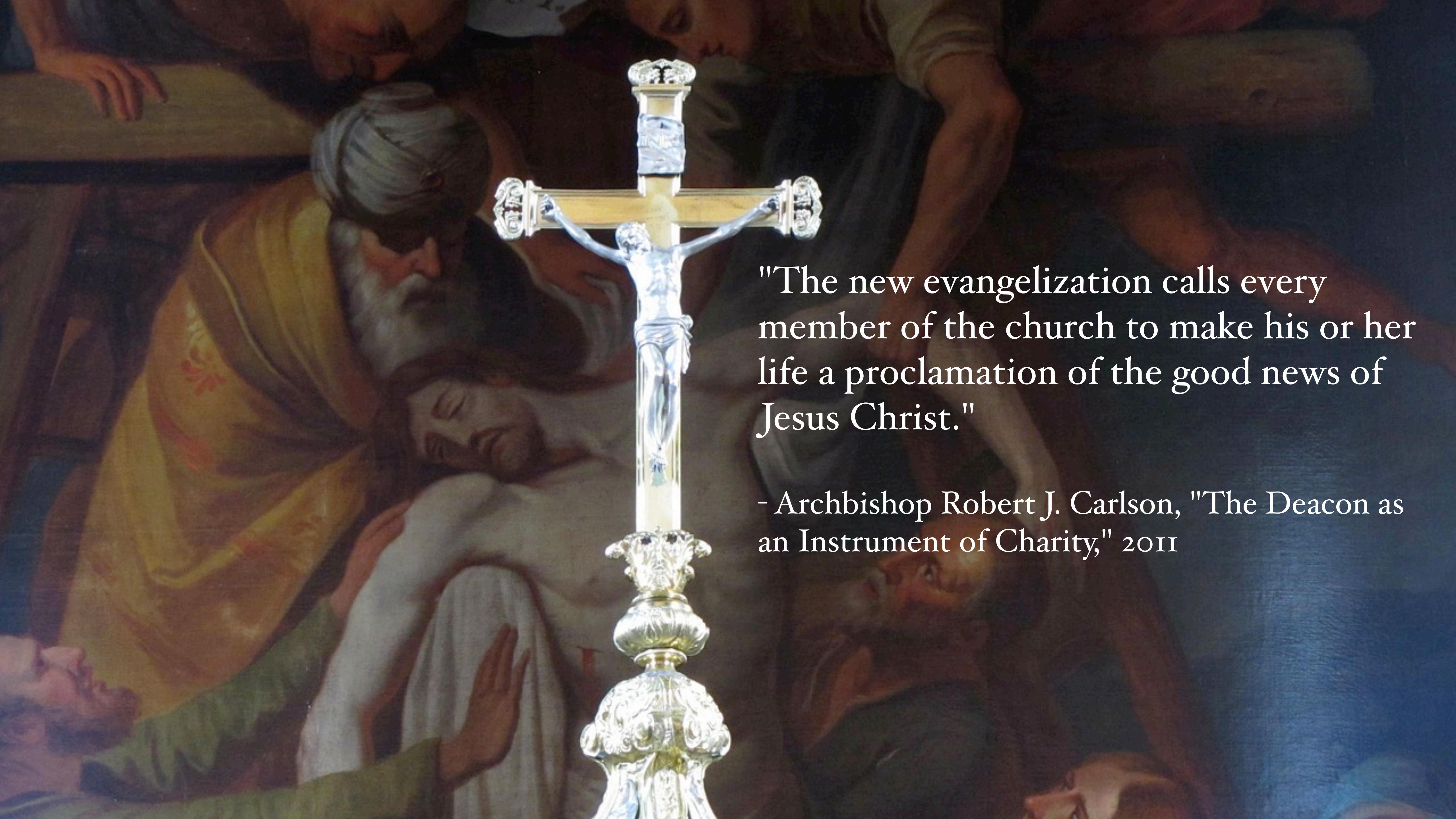
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How do we today follow the call and summons of Jesus to seek out the stranger, heal the sick and welcome the weary?

Quotes





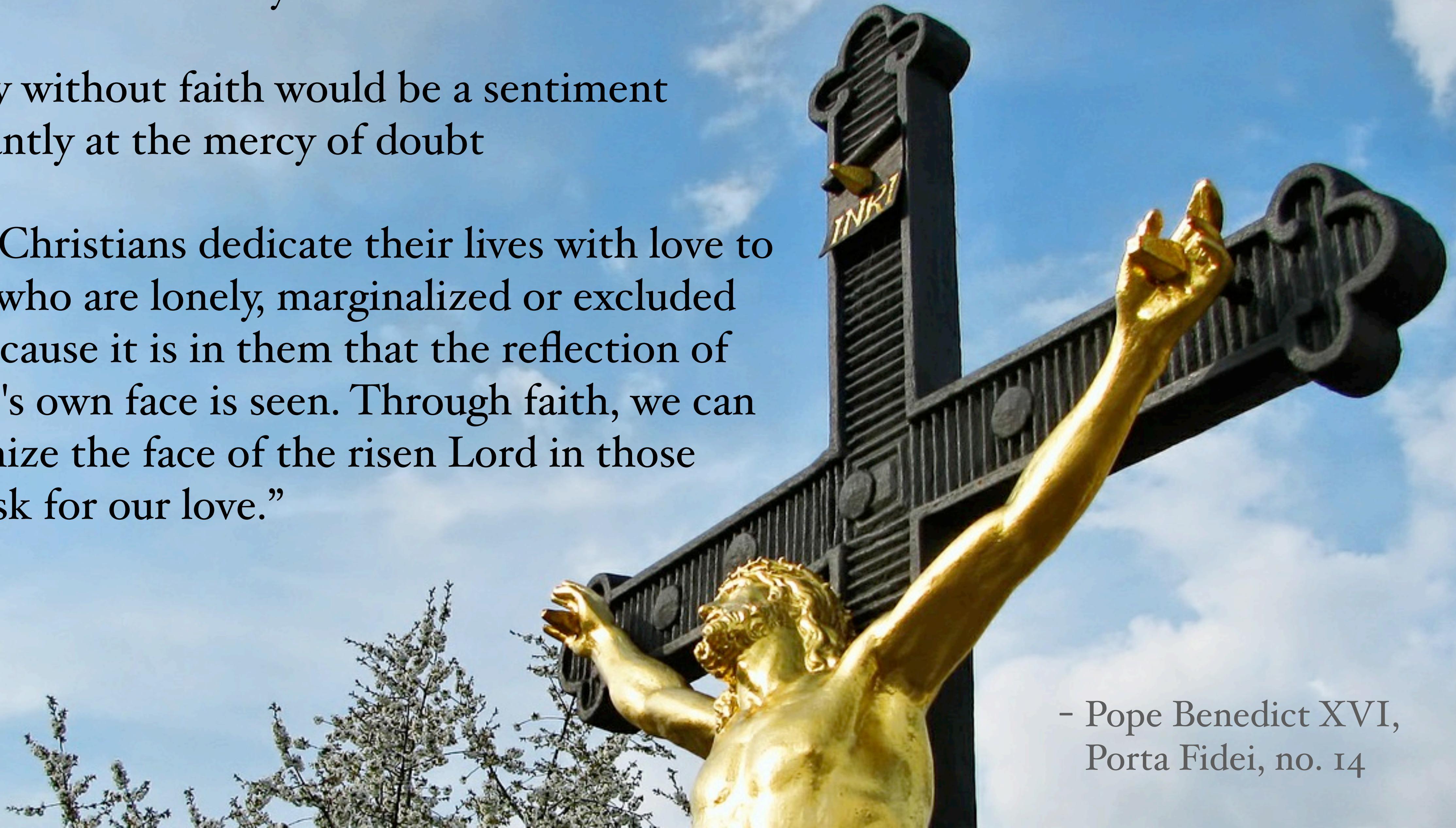
"The new evangelization calls every member of the church to make his or her life a proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ."

- Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, "The Deacon as an Instrument of Charity," 2011

"Faith without charity bears no fruit

charity without faith would be a sentiment
constantly at the mercy of doubt

Many Christians dedicate their lives with love to
those who are lonely, marginalized or excluded
[...] because it is in them that the reflection of
Christ's own face is seen. Through faith, we can
recognize the face of the risen Lord in those
who ask for our love."



- Pope Benedict XVI,
Porta Fidei, no. 14

**“As you did it
to one of the least
of these my brethren,
you did it
to me.”**

Mt 25:40

These words are a warning that must not be forgotten

and a perennial invitation to return the love by which He takes care of us.

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei*, no. 14

It is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbor along the journey of life.

Supported by faith, let us look with hope at our commitment in the world, as we await 'new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells' (2 Pet 3:13; cf. Rev 21:1)."



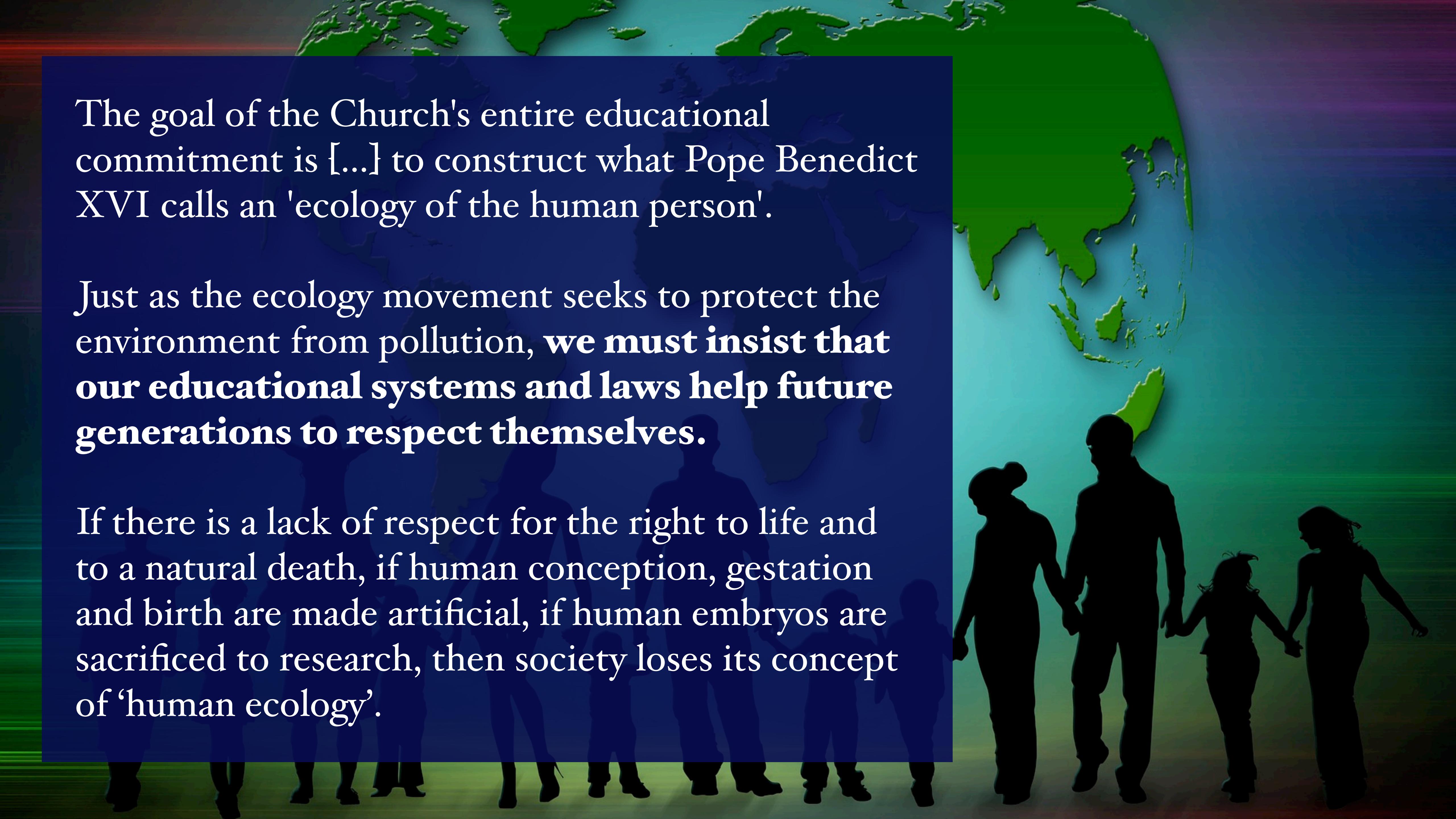
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"Increasingly, we recognize that generosity of spirit and commitment to charity and justice are vehicles to bring people into relationship with Jesus and his church.

Social justice and direct service opportunities provide powerful experiences with the person of Jesus, especially for adolescents and young adults.

Service, when understood as serving Christ in others and as a means to share the Gospel, **has the ability to bring the server and the one being served closer to Christ.**"

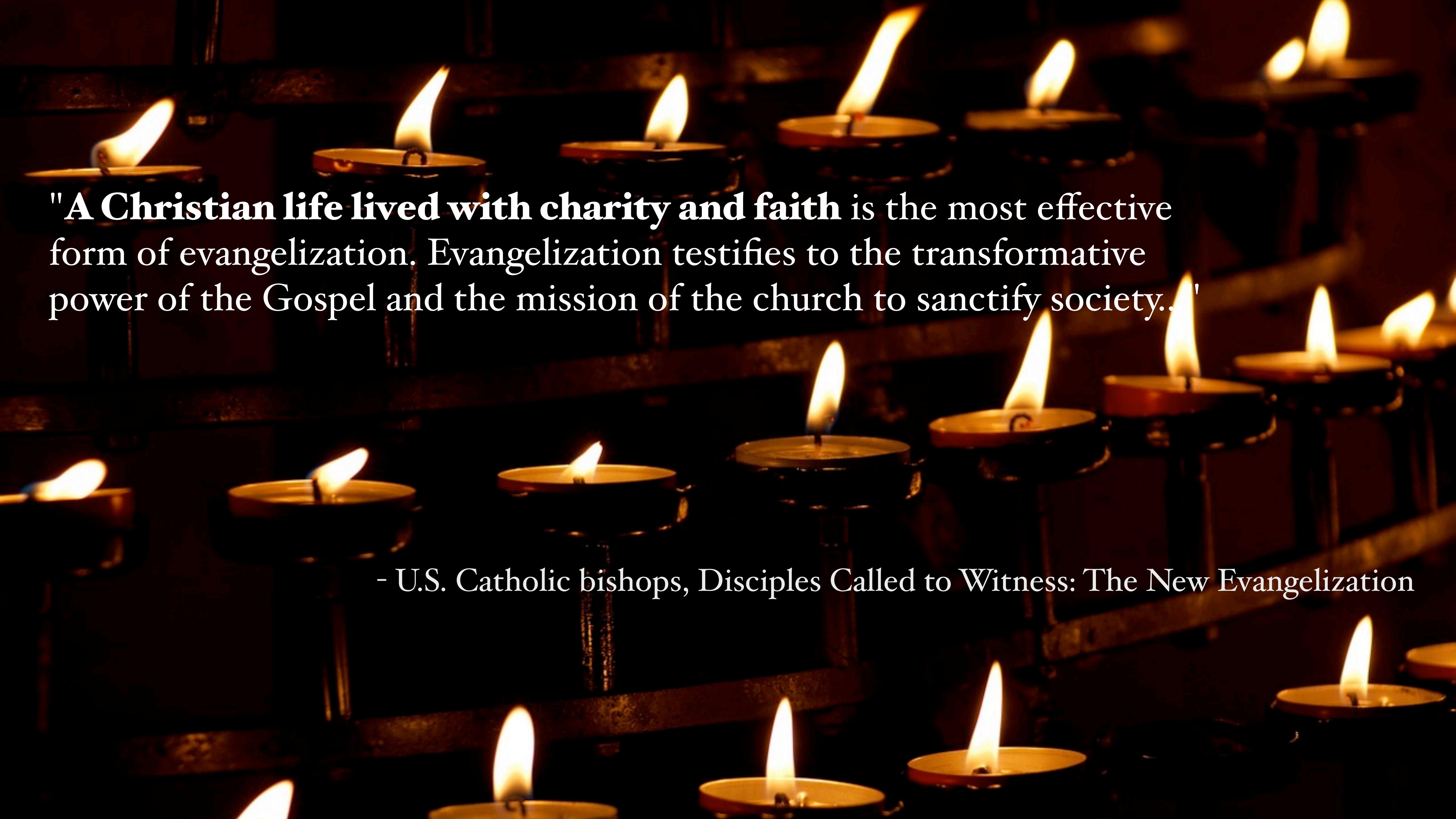
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The goal of the Church's entire educational commitment is [...] to construct what Pope Benedict XVI calls an 'ecology of the human person'.

Just as the ecology movement seeks to protect the environment from pollution, **we must insist that our educational systems and laws help future generations to respect themselves.**

If there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, then society loses its concept of 'human ecology'.



"A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization. Evangelization testifies to the transformative power of the Gospel and the mission of the church to sanctify society."

- U.S. Catholic bishops, Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization

“On many occasions, the Magisterium of many Popes has denounced the growing disproportion in the northern and southern hemispheres in access to resources and their distribution as well as the damage to creation.

The persistent economic crisis today illustrates the problem of using material forces to establish rules in a global market intended to ensure greater justice in relations among peoples...

...the Church needs to become more aware of these concerns and take concrete measures to address them.”



Synod of Bishops, "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith," no. 56

"...The Gospel must be transmitted in the following endeavors:

the duty to seek peace;

the development and liberation of peoples;

improvement in forms of world and national governments;

the construction of possible forms of listening, living together, dialogue and collaboration by various cultures and religions;



the safeguarding of the rights of persons, entire peoples and, above all, minorities; support for the most vulnerable in society; and the stewardship of creation and the commitment to the future of our planet."

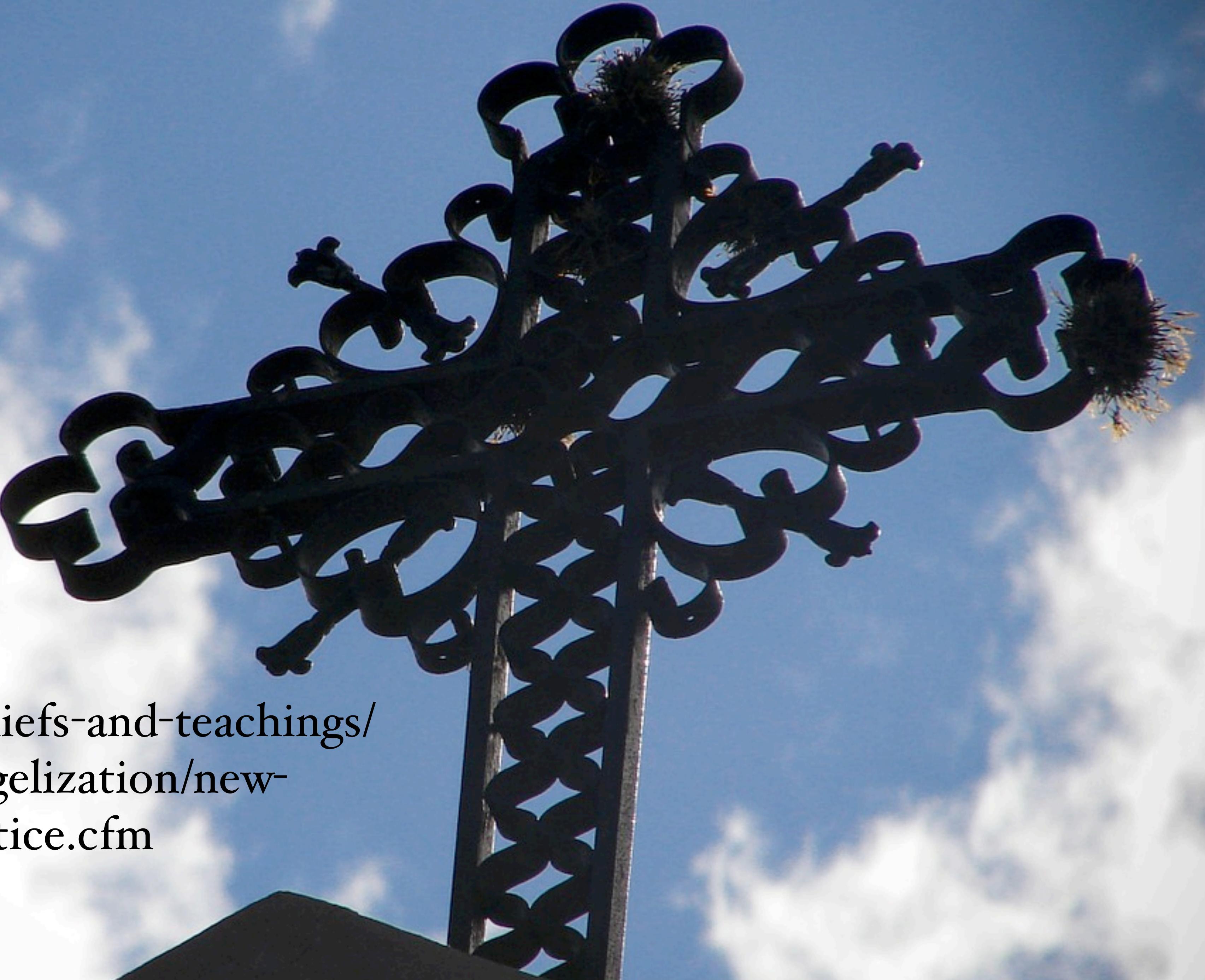


- Synod of Bishops, "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith," no. 57

The U.S. Catholic bishops note that "the new evangelization offers hope" in the face of these problems.

We must be witnesses, the bishops say, to the "transformative power of the Gospel and the mission of the Church to sanctify society".

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