

New Evangelization Prayer from Disciples Called to Witness

USCCB Committee on
Evangelization and Catechesis

Gracious and merciful God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit all Catholics may hear the call of the New Evangelization and seek a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus.

We pray that the New Evangelization will renew the Church, that we heed the works of Christ – “do not be afraid” – strengthened by the Holy Spirit’s gift of courage, give witness to the Gospel and share our faith with others.

We pray that we may become like the father of the prodigal son – filled with compassion for our missing brothers and sisters – and run to embrace them upon their return.

We pray that all people yearning to know Christ and the Church may encounter Him through the faithful who witness to His love in their lives.

Loving God, our Father, strengthen us to become witnesses to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



“I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization and to the mission. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.”

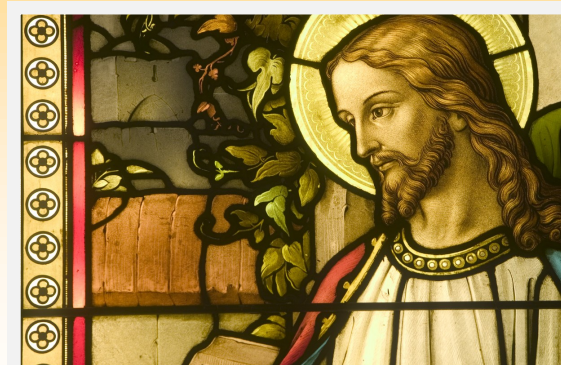
---John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*

National Council of Catholic Women Mission Statement

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



Catholic Women: We Are Called To Witness



Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father, Francis **EVANGELII GAUDIUM**

Evangelization takes place in obedience to the missionary mandate of Jesus: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). In these verses we see how the risen Christ sent his followers to preach the Gospel in every time and place, so that faith in him might spread to every corner of the earth.

The National Council of Catholic Women
“We Are Called to Witness” Program

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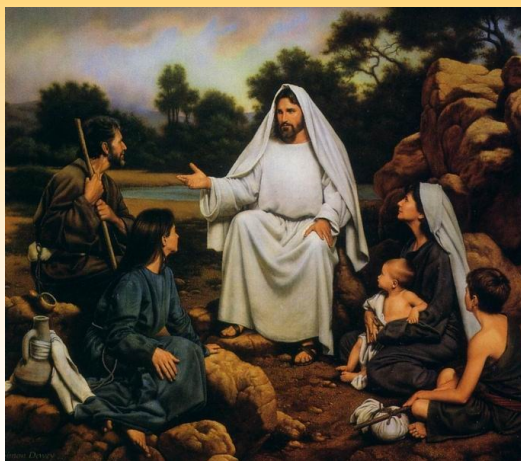
We are all called to share the Good News

Designed especially for Councils of Catholic Women, these nine topics will provide resources to incorporate the New Evangelization into your existing programs.

Beginning with your own personal spirituality, hospitality, family and community outreach, you will find these topics easy to incorporate into existing meetings, events and CCW projects.



We Are Called to Witness



The components of the program are:

1. Finding the Joy of Jesus in Yourself
2. Sharing the Joy of the Gospel with other Catholics
3. Hospitality and Welcome
4. Hearts to Love and Hands to Serve
5. Holy Holidays
6. Reaching Out to Young Women in College and Beyond
7. Faith Sharing in Everyday Life
8. Social Justice Spreads God's Love
9. Learning Never Ends

The entire NCCW New Evangelization program **“We Are Called to Witness”** is available on the NCCW website www.nccw.org.

Download the program and print exactly what you need to use for:

- Prayer and Strengthening Spirituality
- Self Study
- Group Meetings
- Hospitality and Welcome
- Ideas for Families
- Newsletter Articles
- Activities
- Additional Resources for In-Depth Study

