

Talking about God: Resources for Evangelization

A supplement to the presentation
"Talking About God: Sharing our Faith"
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Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a reference book that details official Catholic doctrine. Divided into four parts, it covers four key topics: 1) The Profession of Faith, 2) The Celebration of the Christian Mystery, 3) Life in Christ, and 4) Christian Prayer. References to the Catechism are often noted "CCC" (Catechism of the Catholic Church) followed by a number. The number refers to the paragraph in the text, not to the page number. The Catechism can be found at many bookstores (including Immaculate Conception's Inspirational Gift Shop on Seneca Street), or the full text is available online at the following link: <http://old.usccb.org/catechism/text/>

The following specific passages relate specifically to Father Jeff's presentation.

CCC 848	Church has the obligation to evangelize all
CCC 849	The missionary mandate
CCC 905	Role of the laity in evangelization
CCC 1072	Evangelization must precede the liturgy
CCC 2225	Parents evangelizing their children

The Bible

Exodus 3:13-15	Moses asks God what his name is
Exodus 33:19-20	We cannot see God's face
Wisdom 13:5	God is evident in the things He has created
Amos 7:10-16	God sends Amos to evangelize
Matthew 28: 19-20	Disciples are sent to evangelize
Matthew 10:26-33 Luke 12:2-9	Courage under persecution
Mark 4:21-25 Luke 8:16-18	Parable of the lamp (do not hide the light)
Luke 12:49-53	Households may be divided
John 4:4-42	Samaritan woman
1 Corinthians 9:16	Woe to me if I don't preach the gospel

Other resources

Evaneglii Nuntiandi (Pope Paul VI)

Available at www.vatican.va at

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19751208_evangelii-nuntiandi_en.html.

*citation to paragraph 14

Go and Make Disciples

USCCB, 1992. Available online at <http://old.usccb.org/evangelization/goandmake/eng.shtml>.

*citations to paragraphs 46 and 89

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

USCCB, Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006.

*citation to pages 131 & 513

Father Jeff's website: www.renewaloffaith.org

- There is an entire section on "Evangelization" found of the menu bar on the left
- "Catholic Teaching and the Question of Evolution" - <http://renewaloffaith.org/Science/evolution.htm>
- In Fr. Jeff's blog check out the category "Images of God" found on the lower left for words we use to describe God

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From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish

Robert S. Rivers , CSP, Paulist Press, New York, 2005.

The Great Commission: Models of Evangelization in American Catholicism

Timothy E. Byerley, Paulist Press, New York, 2008.

A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America

Peter Steinfels, Simon & Schuster, New York, 2003.