

A Reading from the American Bishop’s Document on the Evangelization of Youth:

Evangelization is, first of all, the initial effort by the faith community as a whole to proclaim, through word and witness, the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard or seen it, and then to invite those persons into a relationship with Jesus Christ and the community of believers.

Evangelization is also the ongoing witness of the faith community as it attempts to live out the Gospel with such authenticity that the faith of all members is sustained and nourished. As such, evangelization is recognized as the “energizing core” of the life of the Church and all its ministries.

(The Challenge of Catholic Youth Evangelization)

Psalm Response:

**The earth is the Lord’s and all it holds,
the world and those who dwell in it.**

The earth is the Lord’s and all it holds,
the world and those who dwell in it.
For God founded it on the seas,
established it over the rivers.

Who may go up the mountain of the Lord?
Who can stand in his holy place?

“The clean of hand and pure of heart,
who has not devoted to idols,
who have not sworn falsely.

They will receive blessings from the Lord,
and justice from their saving God.

Such is the generation that seeks God,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.”

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may enter.

Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in war.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
rise up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may enter.

Who is this king of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
God is the king of glory.

**The earth is the Lord’s and all it holds,
the world and those who dwell in it.**

(Psalm 24)

Call to Catholic Adulthood

1) As an adult Christian, I keep strengthening my faith by

2) An experience of educational ministry in which I feel I truly collaborated with others is _____

3) One way I will help others in our school recognize ways they can share Jesus’ “Good News” in their daily lives is:

Take a few minutes to share some of your responses with a few colleagues.

Is there anything you would like to share with everyone else?

A Reading from *Called and Gifted; The American Catholic Laity*

The Church is to be sign of God's kingdom in the world. The authenticity of that sign depends on all the people: laity, religious, deacons, priests and bishops. Unless we truly live as the People of God, we will not be much of a sign to ourselves or the world. We are convinced that the laity are making an indispensable contribution to the experience of the People of God and that the full import of their contribution is still in a beginning form in the post-Vatican II Church.

Intercessions:

For all here who work on our relationship with God; we pray for the courage and strength to do so, we pray to the Lord ...

For our students as they seek to understand the reason for faith in their lives, we pray to the Lord ...

For all who seek holiness in everyday life, we pray to the Lord ...

For all here, that we bear witness to the truth especially with our students, we pray to the Lord ...

That the members of this school community find the courage to remain faithful to the Church's mission, we pray to the Lord ...

(Spontaneous prayers)

Our Father:

Closing Prayer:

God of love and mercy, you call us to be your people, you gift us with your abundant grace. Make us a holy people, radiating the fullness of your love. Form us into a community, a people who care, expressing your compassion. Remind us day after day of our baptismal call to serve, with joy and courage. Teach us how to grow in wisdom and grace and joy in your presence.

Through Jesus and in your Spirit, we make this prayer. **Amen.**

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FIRST CALL

We are Called to Catholic Adulthood

Opening Prayer:

Lord, you call each of us to the apostolate of making manifest your Kingdom here on earth. Through your Spirit you provide each of us with a unique set of gifts to use in our ministry of education. Grant us your grace so that we might understand your will and accept the challenge that you present to us today.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Brother.

Amen.