

WITNESS
Christ is Alive - Being Easter People

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RESPONDING THROUGH WITNESS

“When we meet Christ and accept His Gospel, life changes and we are driven to communicate our experiences to others. ...”

Pope John Paul II
World Youth Day - Toronto, 2002



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“Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live.”

Evangelii Nuntiandi, n. 21



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WITNESS

“Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst?”

Evangeli Nuntiandi, n. 21




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MARY IS OUR MODEL

- Stored all things in her heart
- Points to Jesus
- Tells Other - Listen to Him and Do what he tells you.




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PROCLAMATION

“There is no true evangelization if **the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus** of Nazareth, the Son of God, are not proclaimed.”

Evangeli Nuntiandi, n. 22



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TELL OTHERS THAT HE GIVES US STRENGTH

...Why should we not speak of Jesus, why should we not **tell others that he gives us strength in life**, that we enjoy talking with him, that we benefit from meditating on his words?

Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 2019, #176.

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YOUR LIFE IS YOUR WITNESS

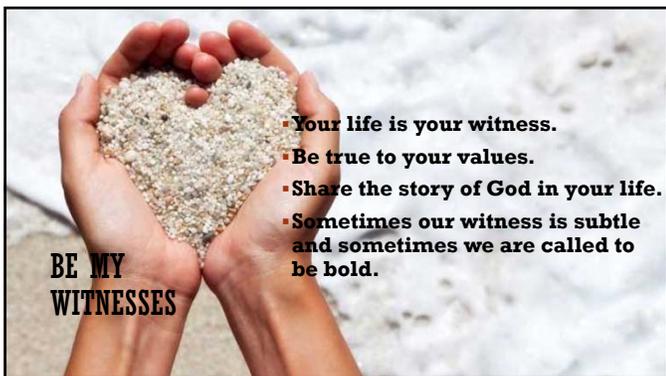


“This is the essence of witnessing: simply sharing your personal experiences regarding the Lord. In a courtroom, a witness is not expected to argue the case, prove the truth, or press for a verdict. That is the job for attorneys. Witnesses simply report what has happened...And it's hard to argue with personal experience.”

Rick Warren, *A Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan Publishing: Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, 2011, 2012, page 288

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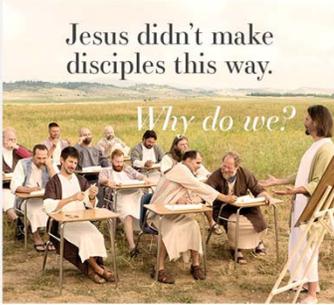
BE MY WITNESSES

- **Your life is your witness.**
- **Be true to your values.**
- **Share the story of God in your life.**
- **Sometimes our witness is subtle and sometimes we are called to be bold.**

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Jesus didn't make disciples this way.

Why do we?





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THE JOY OF ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS

For two thousand years, the Church has flourished from generation to generation because of people like you who are willing to take the time to share with others the faith and love you have for Jesus.





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WITNESSING FAITH



- As catechist and youth ministry leader
- Bringing in witnesses from the parish community
- Preparing youth to be faith witnesses for their peers
- Empowering faith witness in the family




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COMMUNITIES THAT RADIATE CHRIST



....(youth) will be better integrated into communities that are open, living their faith, eager to radiate Christ, joyful, free, fraternal and committed...

Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, 2019, #220.