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Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

Sharing Our Faith Today

For the past few years I have been a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council Task Force on Evangelization...

Without fail the initial images of Evangelization that spring to people's minds involve preaching the Gospel...

The root of the word "Evangelization" is a Greek term which means bringing the good news...

news of Christ in our lives and to pass it on to others. Evangelization is not a process or a new program...

Christ's clear call to evangelize, to spread good news, is found in Matthew's Gospel when he commands us to go and make disciples of all nations...

Today's Catholic community is called to develop ways and means by which committed Christians can know and share Christ's good news...

families as "privileged centers of Evangelization." Families need to be encouraged to share the story of God their family — at births, deaths, crises and celebrations.

Parishes must create an atmosphere in which individuals or groups can reach out and share both in the parish and beyond. Methods of Evangelization are not new or expensive...

To evangelize is to live the Gospel, to carry it out as well as proclaim it. It is to challenge others to do the same. Pope Paul VI stated the challenge in his apostolic exhortation on "Evangelization in the Modern World": "The

contemporary person listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

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