

Leadership Summit 2018

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St. Cyril of Alexandria (378-444 AD), Letter 55

I can praise in no small measure now the zeal for learning and love of toil of your charity and I consider that it is worthy of all esteem. Who would not greatly rejoice in the desire for godly instruction and the love of sharing the truth of holy teachings? This assists us unto an everlasting and happy life, and zeal in these matters is not without reward.

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120. In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become *missionary disciples* (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are *agents of evangelization*, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. *The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized.*

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”



Acts 8:30-31 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, *“How can I, unless some one guides me?”* And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

900 Since, like all the faithful, lay Christians are entrusted by God with the apostolate by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, they have the *right and duty, individually or grouped in associations*, to work so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all men throughout the earth. This duty is the more pressing when it is only through them that men can hear the Gospel and know Christ. Their activity in ecclesial communities is so necessary that, for the most part, *the apostolate of the pastors cannot be fully effective without it.*

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121. Of course, all of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have *better training*, a *deepening love* and a *clearer witness to the Gospel*.

1. Share where you are from, a little about your family, and the reasons you came to the Summit?
2. Share a vivid experience from your life where you were overwhelmed with God's grace?
3. Why is outreach central to the New Evangelization?
4. What are some road-blocks that prevent you from sharing the Gospel?