

Over the last few years, whenever I have had occasion to hear our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, speak, he has focused often on the theme of the New Evangelization and our role as Knights in this effort. Once again he did so at the College Council Conference at the end of September. He has challenged all Knights, but especially college Knights to be well-formed in the faith and then to go forth, drawing back especially our brothers and sisters who are no longer active in their practice of the faith.

In his homily to open the Thirteen General Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith, Pope Benedict XVI offers a concise review of the work of the New Evangelization:

“Even in our own times, the Holy Spirit has nurtured in the Church a new effort to announce the Good News, a pastoral and spiritual dynamism which found a more universal expression and its most authoritative impulse in the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. Such renewed evangelical dynamism produces a beneficent influence on the two specific “branches” developed by it, that is, on the one hand the *Missio ad Gentes* or announcement of the Gospel to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ and his message of salvation, and on the other the ***New Evangelization, directed principally at those who, though baptized, have drifted away from the Church and live without reference to the Christian life.*** The Synodal Assembly which opens today is dedicated to this new evangelization, to help these people encounter the Lord, who alone who fills existence with deep meaning and peace; and to favor the rediscovery of the faith, that source of grace which brings joy and hope to personal, family and social life”  
(<http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-homily-for-synod-opening-full-text>).

As we begin the Year of Faith, we are challenged to enter into the work of the New Evangelization. May I share with you the words of our brother Knight and fellow CUA Council member, His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Relator General of the Synod on the New Evangelization, from an address (in Latin) he gave at the opening of the Synod:

“The New Evangelization is not a program. It is a mode of thinking, seeing and acting. It is a lens through which we see the opportunities to proclaim the Gospel anew. It is also a recognition that the Holy Spirit continues actively to work in the Church. At its heart the New Evangelization is the re-proposing of the encounter with the Risen Lord, his Gospel and his Church to those who no longer find the Church's message engaging. I believe there are three distinct, but interrelated stages:

- a) The renewal or deepening of our faith both intellectually and affectively; (cf *Instrumentum laboris* n. 24, nn. 37-40, nn. 118-119, nn. 147-158)
- b) A new confidence in the truth of our faith; (cf *Instrumentum laboris* n. 31, n. 41, n. 46, n. 49, n.120) and
- c) A willingness to share it with others. (cf *Instrumentum laboris* n. 33-34, n. 81)”  
(<http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com/2012/10/the-new-evangelization-is-not-program.html>)

Chaplain's Message – October 2012 – Rev. Frank Donio, S.A.C.

My brother Knights, may we continue to renew and deepen our faith, be confident in the truth of it and be willing to go forth and share it with whomever we meet!

College Knights: Bearing Catholic Witness (Links to presentations on the New Evangelization and the Year of Faith)

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/catholic\\_witness.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/catholic_witness.html)

Cardinal Wuerl at CUA on the New Evangelization:

<http://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/cardinal-wuerl-lecture.html>

New Evangelization Resources:

<http://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/new-evangelization.html>