



There is a lot of “news” out there in our world today. Good news, yes, but a lot of bad. Social media and the 24/7 news cycle gives us a minute by minute barrage of “breaking news!” It’s almost overwhelming.

Not long ago, the bad news about the Notre Dame fire was communicated almost instantly throughout the world. It appears that bad news: fire, floods, mass shootings, etc. spread quickly. But what about Good News? How often does good news trend on social media or “blow up” on Twitter? How many text messages a day do you get with good news?

What do you consider good news? A word from a long lost friend or relative, new baby, an engagement, a new job, a graduation? How do you share it?

Our faith teaches us that God created us, loves us, and desires the best for us. God became a man in Jesus Christ who freely laid down his life for us, suffered, died, endured the grave, and ---here’s the best news --- conquered death, death, -- the ultimate Bad News.

What does this news mean to us day by day? Is this news worth sharing? The Church gives a resounding YES to that question! When we share that news with another person, we call it “Evangelization!” Pope Paul VI instructed us “The Church exists to evangelize.” The Church is compelled to share the ultimate Good News. For too long we Catholics have considered this optional, or a job that belongs to the priests, to our Catholic schools, and Religious Education Programs.

This job of evangelization belongs to every baptized Catholic! How do you/how can you/how can our parish share this Good News with another person? This is the challenge and the question our Church, and specifically our parish, must face.

In the months ahead our parish will begin to learn and dialog about what it means, for us as individuals and for us as a parish to be Evangelizing Catholics.

What can you do to evangelize yourself and your parish?