



Reflection

Pope Francis reminds us that we must focus on strengthening our relationships with God and others through formation:

The Lord's missionary mandate includes a call to growth in faith: "Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt28:20). Hence it is clear that the first proclamation also calls for ongoing formation and maturation. Evangelization aims at a process of growth which entails taking seriously each person and God's plan for his or her life. All of us need to grow in Christ. Evangelization should stimulate a desire for this growth, so that each of us can say wholeheartedly: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

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