

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF VATICAN II**

**Holy Hour for May 2013
Decree on the Means of Social Communication
Inter Mirifica, 4 December 1963**

**'May all social communication be used for the up-building of
the kingdom of God and for the good of all humanity**



As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during this series of Holy Hours to mark the YEAR OF FAITH let us sing each time the hymn that bears these words from St Paul 'We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight'

'WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT'
Celebration For Everyone No 789/ Laudate No 284

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who have taught your Church to keep all the heavenly commandments by loving you and loving our neighbour, grant us a spirit of peace and grace, so that your entire family may use wisely all forms of social communication to become more devoted to you wholeheartedly and united in purity of intent.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Reader 1:

'The Catholic Church was founded by Christ our Lord to bring salvation to all people. It feels obliged, therefore, to preach the gospel. In the same way, it believes that its task involves employing the means of social communication to announce the good news of salvation and to teach people how to use them properly. It is the Church's birthright to use and own any of these media which are necessary or useful for the formation of Christians and for pastoral activity. Pastors of souls have the task of instructing and directing the faithful how to use these media in a way that will ensure their own salvation and perfection and that of all mankind.'

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.

Decree on the means of Social Communication (Inter Mirifica) 1:3)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

Reader 2

FIRST READING

GENESIS 11:1-9 (*Lectionary I, Pg. 596*)

'IT WAS NAMED BABAL BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE OF THE WHOLE EARTH WAS CONFUSED.'

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

GOD'S SPIRIT IS IN MY HEART

Celebration For Everyone No 227/ Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 297/ Laudate No 864

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of being called to proclaim God's good news.

Reader 1:

'The swift advances of the means of social communication tear down the barriers that time and space have erected between peoples. They can make for greater understanding and closer unity. A mass of information is continually on the move to and from all parts of the world, and as a result people can learn what goes on and how other people live. Teaching at all levels has benefited by the use of these aids. The media plays their part in eliminating illiteracy and in providing both basic and further education. They can, very effectively, help people in developing countries to achieve progress and freedom. They can establish a measure of universal equality in which each person, whatever their place in society, can enjoy the delights of culture and leisure. They enrich human minds. They help them to keep in touch with reality by providing the sights and sounds which are the very stuff of life. They bring faraway times and places within their grasp... In the light of these advantages, the communications media can be seen as powerful instruments for progress. It is true they also present difficulties but these must be faced and overcome. Both the communicators and the recipients ought to be aware of the inherent dangers and difficulties.'

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council. Pastoral Instruction on the means of Social Communication (Communio et Progressio Jan 1971), Part II Ch. I: 20,21)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

Reader 2

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles (Lectionary I, Pg. 601)

‘THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK’

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

O THE WORD OF MY LORD

Celebration For Everyone No 572 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 558/ Laudate No 979

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of being called to proclaim God’s good news.

Reader 1:

‘Those who are at the receiving end of the media, and especially the young, should learn moderation and discipline in their use of them. They should aim to understand fully what they see, hear and read...Parents on their part should remember that it is their duty to see that entertainments and publications which might endanger faith and morals do not enter their houses and that their children are not exposed to them elsewhere. A special responsibility for the proper use of the means of social communication rests on journalists, writers, actors, designers, producers, exhibitors, distributors, operators, sellers, critics — all those, in a word, who are involved in making and transmission of communications in any way whatever. It is clear that a very great responsibility rests on all these people in today’s world: they have power to direct mankind along a good path or an evil path by the information they impart and the pressure they exert.’

(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.

Decree on the means of Social Communication (Inter Mirifica) 1:10,11)

A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:38-39 / 9: 1-6 (sheet attached)

‘HE WENT AWAY PROCLAIMING, THEY WENT AWAY PREACHING.’

12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION

To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:

WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM

Celebration For Everyone No 778 / Laudate No 852

Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of being called to proclaim God’s good news.

Leader:

In humility of heart, let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

Response to each prayer: Lord, strengthen the faith of your people

Reader 2:

- Keep alive in your Church the strength of faith and the joy of believing. We pray to the Lord
- Grant love and perseverance to all those involved in the proclamation and spread of the Gospel, especially missionaries and those far from their homeland. We pray to the Lord
- Enlighten with the Spirit of wisdom and reverence all those involved in mass media and communications. We pray to the Lord
- Strengthen with the spirit of understanding and right judgement all those at the receiving end of media and communications, especially the young and vulnerable. We pray to the Lord
- Help civil authorities to be more deeply aware of their responsibility to ensure, equitably and vigilantly, that public morality and social progress are protected and enriched by the correct use of media and communications. We pray to the Lord
- Bring your peace to the nations of the world and rid it of injustice and hatred. We pray to the Lord
- Come to those who have lost their way, may they hear through us the good news of salvation. We pray to the Lord
- Grant to the dead eternal life. We pray to the Lord

BENEDICTION PRAYERS AND HYMNS NOW FOLLOW

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Celebration For Everyone No 109 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 197/ Laudate No 456

Supplement sheet
May Holy Hour

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

8:38-39/ 9:1-6

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might stay with him; but he sent him away, saying,

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

...And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord