

Dialogue with the Cultures Xavier's Evangelization Style

Catholic Faith Formation
Sun, August 7th, 2022, 2-4pm (JST)
Room 404, Kibe Hall, St. Ignatius Church, Tokyo



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Jesuit Provincial of Japan

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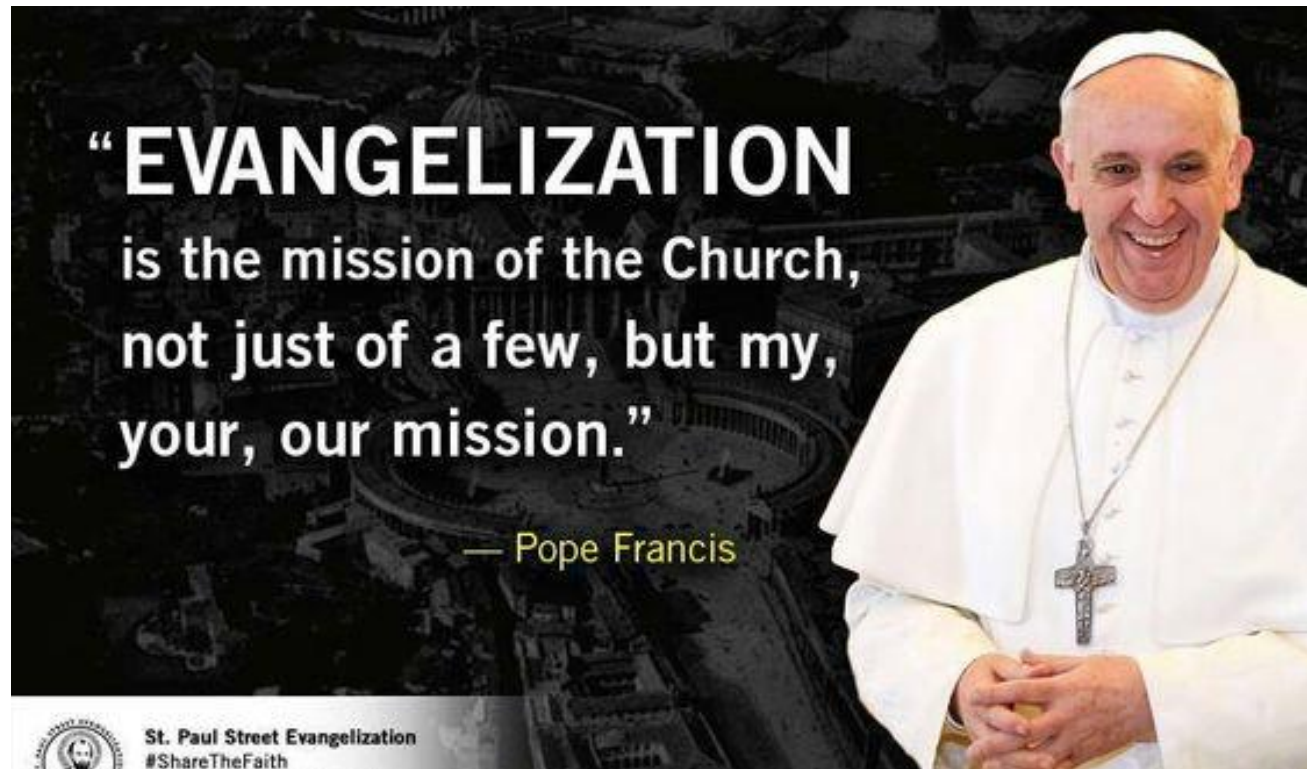


Agenda

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Program



- Welcome & Opening Prayer
- Introduction of Fr. Renzo De Luca S.J.
- Presentation
 - Dialogue with the Cultures - Xavier's Evangelization Style
- Question and Answer
- Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization

Holy Mary, star of the new evangelization,
make us the light of the world.

We receive Christ in the Eucharist;
help us build the Kingdom in the world.

Teach us to do whatever He tells us.
May our study of His life lead us to love Him,
and our love for Him lead us to imitate Him.

If we are what we should be,
we will set the world ablaze and affect the culture.

We ask your intercession to make this so,
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Introduction of Fr. Renzo de Luca S.J.

Born in La Roque, Entre Rios, Argentina, in 1963, Renzo De Luca joined the Jesuits in 1981, and after completing his novitiate and anthropology course at the University of El Salvador (Argentina), he came to Japan in 1985 and graduated from Japanese Language School (2 years) at Sophia University. After 8 months of pastoral experience at Ofuna Church, he graduated from the Philosophy Department of Sophia University.

During the juniorate stage of his formation, the future Pope Francis was the rector of the Jesuit study center where Father Renzo De Luca studied in Argentina . Fr De Luca was sent as a missionary to Japan in 1985, where he mastered the Japanese language sufficiently to do his philosophy studies in Tokyo.



Father Jorge Bergoglio and Fr. Renzo de Luca in Japan

Father Renzo De Luca has been a missionary in Japan for 37 years; he studied in Argentina under Rector-Father Bergoglio.

During this time, he hosted Fr Bergoglio when he visited the Argentinian scholastics in Japan in 1987.

Fr De Luca did his regency in the Jesuit high school in Kobe before continuing to his theology studies in Tokyo. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 21, 1996, in St Ignatius Church, Tokyo, and the next year received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Sophia University. Immediately after that, he was assigned to Nagasaki.

He did his tertianship in Manila, before beginning a career in the history of Christianity in Japan. He returned to school, spending two years as a graduate student of Japanese history at Kyushu University. He served as the deputy curator of the Museum of the 26 Martyrs of Japan (among who are the Jesuit saints Paul Miki, John of Goto and James Kisai), in Nagasaki from 1997,. The chapel attached to the museum was designated as an official pilgrimage site by the Japan Bishops' Conference. Fr De Luca redesigned the layout of the museum

He was Superior of the Nagasaki community from 2001 to 2007 and in 2014 was appointed Superior of the combined Fukuoka-Nagasaki community. He became curator of the 26 Martyrs Museum in from October 2004, after serving as assistant curator for seven years.

Fr Renzo was appointed Provincial of the Japan Province of the Society of Jesus in March 2017.

Fr. Renzo was a speaker at National Catholic Awareness Conference Japan (2019 – 2021).

Source: IHS – Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific,
Jesuit Social Center Tokyo

Bishop Jorge Bergoglio celebrates Mass in Nagasaki, Japan. (photo: AsiaNews)



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Question and Answer

Prayer for the New Evangelization

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“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?”

—Romans 10:13-15

Prayer for the New Evangelization

Heavenly Father,
pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

- If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?
- If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?
- If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Closing Thought



**"DO NOT BE SATISFIED WITH
MEDIOCRITY. PUT OUT INTO THE
DEEP AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH."**

- St. John Paul II



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Closing Prayer

Prayer to St. Francis Xavier

- Lord God, by the preaching of St. Francis Xavier you brought many nations to yourself. Give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in you, that your Church may rejoice in continued growth throughout the world.
- May this prayer fill us with the same love that inspired Francis Xavier to work for the salvation of all.
- Help us to live our Christian calling and to inherit the promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



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