

APOSTOLICAM ACTUOSITATEM

In everything we do we are offering spiritual sacrifice:

Ch 1: 3:

'The laity are consecrated for the royal priesthood and the holy people (cf. 1 Peter 2:4-10) not only that they may offer spiritual sacrifices in everything they do but also that they may witness to Christ throughout the world.'

Our right and duty to the apostolate derives from our union with Christ the head – we are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord himself. (ibid)

Charity is the soul of the entire apostolate. By the precept of charity we are impelled to promote the glory of God...to obtain eternal life for all. (ibid)

The Holy Spirit sanctifies us and gives us gifts for the exercise of this apostolate (cf 1 Cor 12:7)

We are to have the freedom of the Holy Spirit who 'breathes where he wills' (John 3:8) (but our pastors with whom we are to co-operate should test things using 1 Thess 5: 12,19,21.

Ch 1:4:

Christ, sent by the Father, is the source and origin of the Apostolate of the Church so we must abide in Christ (John 15:5). Participation in sacred liturgy is a very helpful aid.

We should try faithfully to adopt the special characteristics of the spiritual life which are proper to us. (i.e. carmelite charism)

Ch 2:

Christ's redemptive work, which includes the renewal of the whole temporal order, is to be penetrated and perfected too with the spirit of the Gospel. God is making a new creation in Christ ,which is to be perfected on the last day.

Ch2:6:

We are called to announce Christ to non-believers, and to 'instruct, strengthen and encourage the faithful to a more fervent life'. The sacred synod exhorts us to speak out, explain and defend the faith.

Ch 2:7:

God's plan is that we should work together to renew and perfect the temporal order. In the temporal order, and having an intrinsic value in themselves are: family, culture, economic matters, the arts and professions, the laws of the political community, international relations. These things are good and have a special dignity as a result of their relation to the human person, for whose service they were created.

Ch 2:17:

By gathering together we give 'an indication of the community of the Church...apparent to others as a true witness of love. This 'communication' makes our apostolate more productive.

Ch 2:18:

We are signifying the 'communion and unity of the church in Christ' when we meet

Ch VI:- Formation for the Apostolate

29: 'To cultivate good human relations, truly human values must be fostered, especially the art of living fraternally and cooperating with others and of striking up friendly conversation with them.'