How You Can Become Part of this Most Important Work

- Become a member of the Media Apostolate.
- Pray for the success of this mission.
- Offer financial assistance.
- Let us assist you in the work of your local apostolates.

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Renewal of the Media
truth, common good and human dignity

PROPER USE OF THE MEDIA

“The unity and advancement of men living in society: these are the chief aims of social communication and of the means it uses...the way men live and think is profoundly affected by the means of communication.... social communion can contribute a great deal to human unity. If, however, men’s minds and hearts are ill disposed, if good will is not there, this outpouring of technology may produce an opposite effect, so that there is less understanding and discord, and as a result evils are multiplied. Too often we have to contradict or corrupt the fundamental values of life.”

—Pastoral Instruction on the Means of Social Communication, Communio et Progressio, January 29, 1971

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“Catholics have to wake up to their grave responsibility in the modern world; they must be aroused from their sleep of lethargy in allowing the media to be mainly untapped for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom in our day.”

—The Urgent Call to Evangelization
Father John A. Hardon, S.J.
Catholic Faith, 1995

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Apostles to the Media

Following Rome's call

The Father John A. Hardon, S.J. Media Apostolate is an organization of lay and religious who recognize the Vatican's call to evangelization of and through the media of social communication. The Apostolate exists to motivate the faithful to use all the means of social communication to evangelize the world and to teach the Catholic Faith in full submission to the magisterium of the bishops of Rome and all the bishops in union with him as their Head.

"The Church recognizes that the media, if properly utilized, can be of great service to mankind"

-Inter Mirifica, December 4, 1963

Apostolic Mission

The practical means and applications that the Apostolate employs to carry out this mission include:

- instruction in the Apostolic call of Inter Mirifica;
- training and educational programs for the proper use, technical and moral, of all forms of media;
- instruction for the consumer—how to be a media-savvy critic;
- the distribution of educational and informational materials responding effectively to the media's attacks on the Faith;
- and above all, the necessity of prayer and the sacraments as the most powerful weapons behind this great undertaking.

The Media Apostolate is not a vocation to which only a few are called. It is, however, an integral part of our baptismal vocation—the universal call to holiness. As the modern media reach to the ends of the earth, so also must the message of the Gospel.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

- Hebrews 13:8

The Gospel message stays the same but the world is ever changing. Pope John Paul II said “I sense that the moment has come to commit all of the Church’s energies to a new evangelization.” (Redemptoris Missio, 1990). The Church has called us to use all forms of communication to spread the Gospel message.

Father John Hardon

Father John Hardon was tireless in the service of God. A prolific author, theologian, solid defender of the faith, and devoted teacher, he was always loyal to the Magisterium of the Church and the Holy Father. Father Hardon desired that a Catholic lay apostolate be formed to implement the directives of the Vatican II document, Inter Mirifica.