

# **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

## **EVANGELIZATION MEDIA TABLE EXHIBIT**

The Evangelization media table exhibit should demonstrate how to use the information available at other table exhibits that defend and promote the Catholic faith.

The committee members should be familiar with all table displays and related handouts. They should be prepared to give a brief explanation of their meaning and purpose. All displays should be checked and approved three (3) weeks before the event and in total conformity to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

This committee should be made up of three or four members grounded in the true faith and understanding of evangelization. To evangelize means to be able to direct people to the truth as taught by Jesus Christ.

Committee members in order to be well informed should familiarize themselves with Father John A. Hardon, S.J.'s directives as prepared at:

[www.fatherhardonmedia.org/mri.html](http://www.fatherhardonmedia.org/mri.html).

This web site contains nine (9) vitally informative topics, i.e., Cinema, Television, Radio, Internet, Print/Press, Telephone, Media Response, Media Evangelization, Communication Careers.

“The resource listed under the various topics are locations on the Internet where you may go to find information on what the Roman Catholic Church teaches and to discover learned commentary on Catholic teaching from Catholic writers. There are also categories with articles that offer effective means to promote the life of the Church through the utilization of the media. The use of these recommended resources should provide the user with a solid fundamental foundation with which to spread the Good News of salvation to all of mankind.”

## HOW YOU CAN USE THE MEDIA TO EVANGELIZE

### START WHERE YOU LIVE

#### I. Know your community media services

##### A. Print Media – Newspaper

1. Do you have a community newspaper?
  - a. Start writing letters to the editor. Be positive about your comments. See Father John A. Hardon, S.J. “Writing and the Spiritual Life” [www.fatherhardon.media.org/letterwriting](http://www.fatherhardon.media.org/letterwriting)
  - b. Use the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to fortify the truth on issues.
2. Get familiar with the format of the newspaper and contribute to other areas as an interested, informed citizen.

### **BE AN INFORMED CATHOLIC WHEN REFERRING TO MOVIE/VIDEO/DVD INDEX RATINGS.**

### IMPORTANT FOOTNOTES

#### B. Books

Visit your local library. Become familiar with the Catholic books that are available and offer suggestions for other Catholic books that could be added.

1. Become familiar with the head librarian.
  - a. Inquire if certain Catholic books could be ordered, or donate those that you have that are in excellent condition.  
*SUGGESTION: The Catechism of the Catholic Church.*
  - b. Be a regular visitor and check out the books that you want others to read. This indicates that good books are being used. Return them promptly. Inform the head Librarian what you thought of the book and recommend others for the Library.

2. Offer a catalog, i.e. Eternal Life, to the head Librarian to consider ordering new books for the Library. If possible, make a nice contribution to purchase books you recommend.

## II. Technology Media

- A. Visit your local Family Video Store.
  1. Talk to the store manager about offensive advertising. If necessary, get a petition going to have offensive material removed.
  2. Be ready to request Christian Videos, DVDs, and offer a current catalog for ordering convenience.
- B. Go to your public library and check on the types of videos, DVDs and CDs they have.
  1. With the support of three or four friends, make a concerned citizen request that offensive books be removed.
  2. Offer a current Christian catalog to the head librarian for ordering convenience.
  3. Offer your own used but in excellent condition Videos, DVDs and CDs.
  4. Make cash donations from time to time to support your true concerns.
- C. Write a positive article in the local newspaper praising the cooperation, friendliness and quality of material offered in the library.

## III. Radio and Television

- A. Know your local radio station and television channel.
  1. If you find your radio programs are rude, or use offensive language or anti-Catholic statements, call and let them know. Get others to also call and complain. Use the suggested guidelines for the “Calling Tree” located in “Section F – Telephone” of the manual.
  2. Follow up with letters to the broadcast manager.
  3. Write to the advertisers and tell them you will not buy their products because of the nature of the programming.
  4. Always offer positive solutions to your complaint. Remember the radio is a public service and you can choose your station.
- B. Know your local television channel and learn who the channel director is.
  1. Get familiar with the community service announcements and be ready, if possible, to visit the location in person with your own announcements about i.e., World Communications Day.

2. Support your local television financially if they are doing sound Christian broadcasting.
3. Write letters to the director to encourage wholesome programs.
4. Support the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) for the same reasons.
5. Make requests for Christian programs and for reruns of special religious seasonal shows. Get several people to do the same.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD THAT HIS WORD BE HEARD!**

### **EVANGELIZATION ENHANCED AND ENRICHED THROUGH FOLK MEDIA AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FORMS OF EXPRESSION**

As stated in the document, *Communio et Progressio* we are to take steps to preserve and promote alternative community media, for example, the ethnic culture of a community is preserved through traditional and folk media. Folk media, such as dance, religious and secular plays, music, songs and poems are a few of the traditional forms of expression. We are to recognize that, in particular, within societies these can be more effective than newer folk media can.

**Note:** *Catholic Encyclopedia explains: Dance Liturgical – the practice of dancing during the liturgy arose during the years after the general liturgical reform of Vatican II. Although it has occurred in various dioceses in the United States and no doubt in other countries as well, it has never been approved by the Holy See. In fact, on several occasions the Holy See, when made aware of instances of liturgical dance, has asked that the practice be discontinued. (Page 301)*

### **SUGGESTED DISPLAYS:**

Be mindful of the ethnic nature of your community. Locate Catholic information in other languages to fit the needs of the community.

- Picture of the Saint Paul in a frame.
- Picture of Pope Paul VI in a frame – “The Pope of Evangelization in the Modern World.” Encyclical – *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life).
- Picture of Pope John XXIII in a frame. Encyclical - *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth).

- Picture of Pope John Paul II in a frame. Encyclical Familiaris Consortio (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World).
- Picture of Pope Benedict in a frame. Encyclical – Children and the Media: a Challenge for Education.
- List of recipients of the Pope Paul VI Evangelization Award, printed, enlarged and framed. To obtain the list go to:

[www.usccb.org/evangelization/ppvirecipients.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/evangelization/ppvirecipients.shtml)

- Announcement flyers of up coming Catholic Conferences.
- Tapes, CDs on Apologetics, i.e. Father Harridan’s MP Discs “Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius” and “The Church Teaches Forum 2003.”
- Have MP3 player on the table.
- Have CD player and a tape player on the table.
- Have some Eternal Life Catalogs on the table.
- Have the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* open on the table.
- Have a few sign up sheets for the parish RCIA program.
- Have copies of Church documents, i.e., “*Communio et Progressio*”. Go to:

[www.fatherhardonmedia.org/mri.html](http://www.fatherhardonmedia.org/mri.html)

Check out #6 Media articles and Church documents for more ideas.

- Have a copy of the *Code of Canon Law*.
- Have Marian Catechist Information – Eternal Life catalogue.

### **SUGGESTED HANDOUTS:**

- Copies of the Pope’s current World Communications Day message.
- A brief oversight on how to use the media to evangelize.
- Direct people to the [www.therealpresence.org/archives](http://www.therealpresence.org/archives) for

- evangelization and apologetics.
- Marian Catechist pamphlets.
- Real Presence Association pamphlets.
- Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles pamphlets.
- Father John A. Hardon, S.J. Media Apostolate pamphlets.
- Eternal Life pamphlets.

**RESOURCES:**

- Arrange for Media Speakers to defend the faith when requested.
- Support Catholic advertising (Give examples).
- Explanation or examples of how to use the Media to promote the Catholic faith.
- Make copies of specific papal writings on the media and the WCD theme.
- [www.renewalministries.net](http://www.renewalministries.net)
- [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com)
- [www.chrislife.org/evangelization/evangelization.html](http://www.chrislife.org/evangelization/evangelization.html)
- [www.vistorclaveau.com](http://www.vistorclaveau.com)
- [www.carolinacatholic.org/archive.html](http://www.carolinacatholic.org/archive.html)
- [www.pauline.org/store/index.html](http://www.pauline.org/store/index.html)
- [www.evangelist.org/archive/hm](http://www.evangelist.org/archive/hm)
- [www.saint-mike.org/apologetics](http://www.saint-mike.org/apologetics)
- [www.cst-phl.com/links.html](http://www.cst-phl.com/links.html)
- [www.vatican.va/home\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/home_en.htm)
- [www.childrenofhope.org/dearparents.htm](http://www.childrenofhope.org/dearparents.htm)
- [www.catholiceducation.org/articles/media](http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/media)
- [www.christopher.com](http://www.christopher.com)

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish sinners
- Instruct the uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Be patient with those in error
- Forgive offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

## **SUGGESTED TABLE DISPLAY:**

- Framed table title “*EVANGELATION*”.
- Copies of the Pope’s current World Communications Day message with 8 X 10 framed picture of Pope Benedict XVI.
- Copy of document *Communio et Progressio* opened to page on Folk Media
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- *Modern Catholic Dictionary* by Father John A. Hardon, S.J.
- Copy of the *Code of Canon Law*.
- Reference information directing people to the Cinema, Telephone, Television, Radio, Communication Careers, Print/Press, Internet, Media Response and Media Evangelization tables.
- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy handouts.
- List of web sites relating to evangelization.
- Framed 8 x 10 mirror to reflect the New Evangelizer for the Faith.
- Dish of individually wrapped mints (our faith takes your breath away).
- An Everlasting Plant potted plant.
- Table cover and skirt.

*\*Have copies of any current newspaper, magazine article concerning evangelization in the Catholic Church.*