

6 Styles of Evangelization

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Me, evangelize!? No, definitely not!

That's for people who are bold!

As Christians we are called to be a church that goes out – one that does not stay inside the walls of the building of the church but rather one that goes out.

In 2013, Pope Francis said to the youth gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the WYD (World Youth Day):

“I expect a mess. There will be! I want a mess in the dioceses! I want people to go out to the street! The parishes, the schools, the institutions exist to go out!”

Since Vatican II, we have put an emphasis on the universal call to mission in the contemporary world. Rooted in our baptism, we live the triple mission of Christ: priest, prophet, and king.

Could we find a style of evangelization that fits us like a glove? Perhaps you find yourself in one or more of the styles listed below? What you do naturally? What brings you joy?



CONFRONTATIONAL

like PETER
ACTS 2

I approach topics directly, without beating around the bush.

A motto that would fit me is: “Make a difference or a mess, but do something.”



INTELLECTUAL

like PAUL
ACTS 17

I enjoy discussions and debates on difficult questions.

I get frustrated with people when they use poor logic or weak arguments.



TESTIMONIAL
like the BLIND MAN
JOHN 9

I tell stories about my personal experiences to illustrate a point.

I often identify with others by using “I used to think that too” or “I once felt the way you do”.



INTERPERSONAL
like MATHEW
LUKE 5

I am a “people person” who places high value on friendship.

People consider me to be an interactive, sensitive, and caring kind of person.



INVITATIONAL
like the WOMAN AT
THE WELL
JOHN 4

I enjoy including new people in activities I am involved in.

I look for a match between the interests of people and events and books.



SERVING
like MARTHA
Luke 10,38-42

I prefer to show love through my actions more than my words.

I see needs in people’s lives that others overlook.

For more information, including the questionnaire with 36 questions, go to www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=481
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