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Living Catholic in the 808: What Evangelization Does and Does Not Mean

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Did you know...that evangelization is everyone's responsibility? Some Catholics still think that "Father X" will take care of all the needs of the church and they are quite willing to let him do it. Among these needs is to tell others about the Good News, which is what evangelization does. The word "evangelization" comes from the Greek and means the spreading of the news by angels. Catholics, along with other Christian faiths, have relied on evangelization since the beginning of the church. In a world of many religions, it is ever more important that the Good News become available everywhere.

In a recent Sunday Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of the sower of seeds. This sowing, is a great metaphor for the spreading of the beliefs of the church. To sow the seeds of faith is to evangelize and to give others who do not know Jesus Christ a chance to become familiar with him. In past centuries when the church evangelized the peoples of Latin and South America, Asia and Africa (and even our islands!), it did so like the farmer who tries to force plants to grow in unfriendly soil with rough strategies of conversion.

The church doesn't believe in this form of evangelizing any longer. Next week I will share what evangelization means today.
