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Living Catholic in the 808 “....And if Necessary, Use Words”

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Most of us Catholic Christians know and love the quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

Here’s the thing: St. Francis of Assisi never said this. It is easy to think he did – he was so completely devoted to bringing God’s healing, love and peace to all - to people, animals and even creation itself. But St. Francis did not say this quote.

Current society does not emphasize this, but St. Francis was known in his day to be an extremely good and effective preacher. It is reported that he would sometimes preach in as many as 5 villages a day, literally standing on a box, on stairs, or even a bale of hay to elevate himself as he shared the Good News of Jesus Christ....using his words!!

For the first 30 years of my life, I loved this saying - it helped me justify that it was okay for me to not use words to share my faith. I did not feel comfortable doing it; I did not want to do it. So I didn’t.

Do you use words to share your faith?
If you don’t, what is your excuse? (After all, you can’t “quote” St. Francis any more. :-))