

EVANGELIZATION & APOLOGETICS...

SPREADING THE WORD
SCRIPTURE IN SUPPORT OF OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS

APOLOGETICS,
TOOLS FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION

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THE GREAT COMMISSION

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Make your faith visible to others. Be joyful in your faith and others will see it.

Always: Pray • Express your faith daily with joy • Be confident • Be loving

Never: Judge • Criticize • Be right for the sake of being right • Tell someone they are wrong!

If you speak the truth and you truly believe, they will see it in you and they will believe. But if you speak the truth and you do not believe, they will see it in you and turn away.

Get comfortable and confident with your Catholic faith. Don't be embarrassed by it. Be joyful and ready to bring it up in public.

Know your witness statement. Be ready to proclaim it always whenever you are asked.

You will never convert anyone. That is the job of the Holy Spirit. But we must plant seeds and nurture them love and care so that the Spirit can reap the harvest.

When speaking about our Catholic faith there are a few things to keep in mind to help bolster your confidence:

Once you get into a dialog about doctrine and beliefs and you've been asked a question you don't know the answer to NEVER be afraid to say, "I don't know." But ALWAYS follow that up with "but I'll find out and get back to you." Then make sure you do!

WHY APOLOGETICS?

Apologetics is giving a reasoned defense of a position. Catholic Apologetics is giving a reasoned explanation, or defense of Catholic Teaching.

Assumptions for evangelization and apologetics;

1. We believe in one God, the creator of the universe and of all things in it.
2. We believe in His Son Jesus Christ who died for our sins in order that we might be saved. (Insert Nicene Creed here)
3. We believe in the entire body of works we call the Bible, and we believe in all of the teaching and authority of the Church.

Apologetics' from the Greek ἀπολογία, (apologia) is the practice of mounting a reasoned defense of a person, or issue. Here we will provide a reasoned defense of the Catholic Church, based on the scripture that the church herself compiled at its beginning.

1 Peter 3:15-16

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, being ready always to satisfy every one who asks you a reason of that hope which is in you. ¹⁶ But with modesty and fear, having a good conscience: that whereas they speak evil of you, they may be ashamed who falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1 Timothy 3:15

¹⁵ But if I stay long, that thou may know how thou ought to behave in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ I charge you, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead, by his coming, and his kingdom: ² Preach the word: be persistent in convenience or inconvenience: reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. ³ For there shall be a time, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears ⁴ And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, and will be turned unto fables. ⁵ But be vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry in soberness.

Paul predicted accurately that divisions in the Church would someday occur and commands us to be ever ready to teach and encourage with patience, gentleness and reverence. This is the basics of Apologetics. Teach and encourage with patience gentleness and reverence.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

There is nothing in the teachings of the Catholic Church that contradicts the Bible

There is nothing in the Bible that contradicts the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The Bible is of the Church, the Church is not of the Bible.
The Catholic Church gave the world the Bible.

THE POPULAR VERSIONS OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

PROTESTANT		CATHOLIC	
1	I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other gods before me.	1	I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2	Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.	2	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3	Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.	3	Remember the Lord's Day to keep it holy.
4	Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.	4	Honor your father and mother
5	Honor thy father and thy mother.	5	You shall not kill
6	Thou shalt not kill	6	You shall not commit adultery.
7	Thou shalt not commit adultery.	7	You shall not steal.
8	Thou shalt not steal.	8	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9	Thou shalt not bear false witness	9	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10	Thou shalt not covet.	10	You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

THE PROTESTANT KJV

¹ And God spake all these words, saying,

² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

¹³ Thou shalt not kill.

¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.

¹⁵ Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

THE CATHOLIC NABRE

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ You shall not have other gods beside me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth;

⁵ you shall not bow down before them or serve them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their ancestors' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation;

⁶ but showing love down to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not invoke the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished anyone who invokes his name in vain.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day—keep it holy.

⁹ Six days you may labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy

¹² Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not kill.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.