

Doing Digital Church!

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In the Beginning....





Digital Evangelisation...A new frontier!

- “The Internet causes billions of images to appear on millions of computer monitors around the planet. From this galaxy of sight and sound will the face of Christ emerge and the voice of Christ be heard? For it is only when his face is seen and his voice heard that the world will know the glad tidings of our redemption. This is the purpose of Evangelisation.”
- Pope John Paul II, Message of the Holy Father for 36th World Communications Day (12 May 2002)

“Young People, particular, have grasped the enormous capacity of the New Media to foster connectedness, communication and understanding between individuals and communities, and they are turning to them as means of communicating with existing friends, of meeting new friends, of forming communities and networks, of seeking information and news, and of sharing their ideas and opinions.”

Pope Benedict XVI – Message for Communications Day
2009

POPE FRANCIS

“ If the internet represents an extraordinary possibility of access to knowledge, it is also true that it has proven to be one of the areas most exposed to disinformation ”

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Go and teach... on the internet



“By means of the internet, the Christian message can reach “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) Keeping the doors of our churches open also means keeping them open in the digital environment.”

Pope Francis – Message World Communications Day 2014

Pope Francis – Opportunities during the time of Covid-19

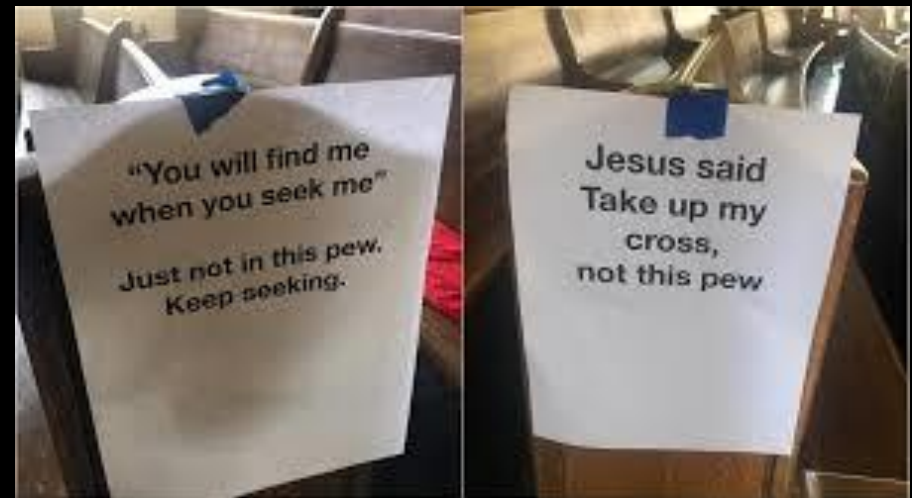
- The creativity of the Christian needs to show forth in opening up new horizons, opening windows, opening transcendence towards God and towards people, and in creating new ways of being at home. Pope Francis
- I'm living this as a time of great uncertainty. It's a time for inventing, for creativity. Pope Francis



Church Before Covid and Now!



Signs of the times.....



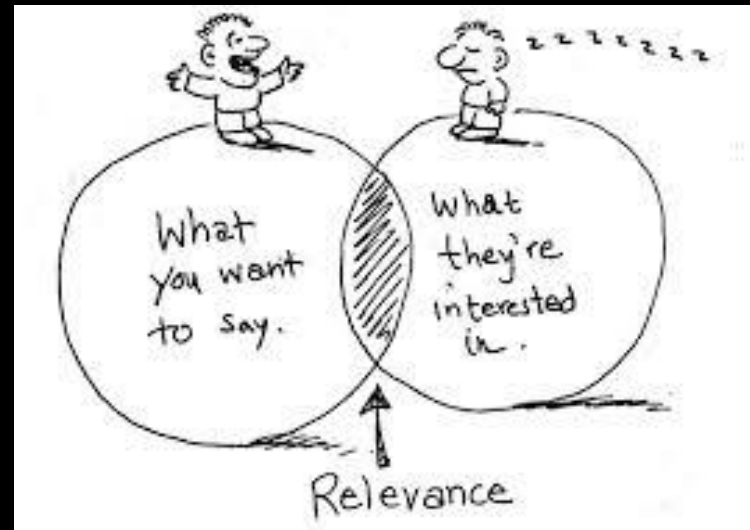
We Adapted



Evangelisation = Communication

How do you communicate?

What forms of communication do you rely on....?

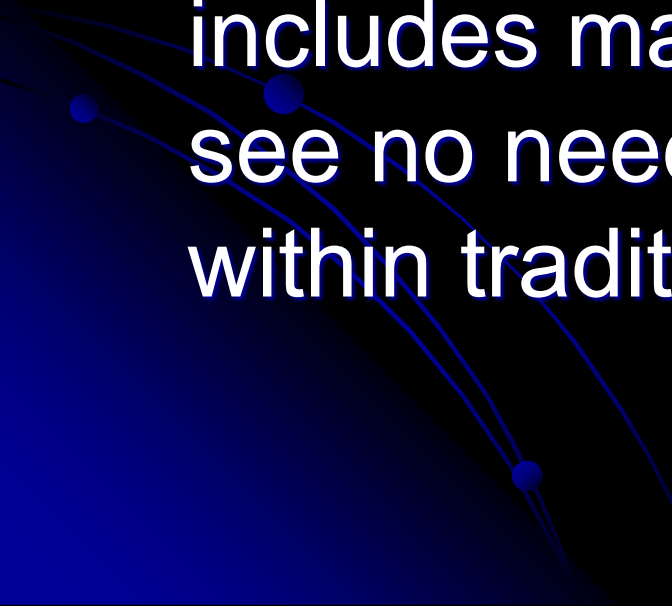


Do you agree?....

- “Based on a recent study of Christians and their use of the Internet, Christian sociologist George Barna predicts a “cyberchurch” emerging in the early years of the new century. Before long, Barna contends, “millions of people will never travel physically to a church, but will instead roam the Internet in search of meaningful spiritual experiences.”

Do you agree?....

“This gravitation to the Net is part of a larger phenomenon saddling the modern church: the growing number of “unchurched”, a group that includes many former Christians but see no need for regular fellowship within traditional church settings.”



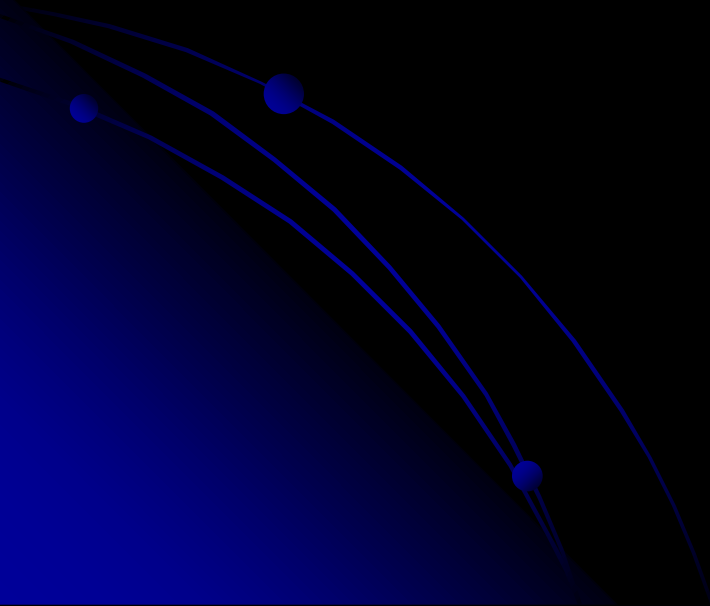
Pope Francis – Missionary Option (EG 27)

- “I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” 27

Dublin Digital Platforms

- Archdiocese of Dublin – Website
- Social Media Presence – Twitter and Facebook (Over 2600+followers)
- Diocesan App – (NEW)
- Diocesan Offices, Agencies all have websites
- Parish Websites – social media accounts
- Individuals Priests/Staff of diocese

BLENDED CHURCH – Have a conversation!

- How have you adapted since COVID-19 emerged to live and experience your faith online?
 - What have you learned about Church/faith – online now?
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SO? Where do we
begin...Again!

