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ወዳድ፣ “አመራ አማኑቱኹ” ሲ ብዲሰና ንሽቃ

ጃር ገዲ ትኩዋ መላኪካታ ገሹኹ ሚካኤል ሻትክዲ፣ ይና ገና ማርያም መንገራትነዲሲ፣ ይናኸር ገዱኹ ርእስ ጳጳሳታኹ በነዲክቶስ 16፣ እና አመራ ኒስ ባሕቲ መታሉትሪልድ 2005 ግእዝድ ተርዮ ኦርባ መሸዋትሪ 2006 ግእዝ / 11 October 2012 – November 2013 ጫዕተው ሺብድ/ ኦክራሲክ “አመራ አማኑቱኹ” “አመራ አማኑቱኹ” አክሮ በሸርድኖና ህንበነኩ።

እና ናዓይብሲ ግብርሲ እርግስኒል፣ ይና አማኑትሲ አርእኖሉኸር፣ መንደርትኖሉኸር፣ ሰምዕኖሉኸር፣ ሺዋንዲ አትዋያንዲ ተብድነዲር አመራ አክሮና፣ ናልክ ቅዱምስናታትዲ ቤተ ጸሎታትዲትል፣ አምድ ባሕቲ ኦርባ መታሉትሪትልድ ተርሰ ሰንበርኸንኹ ዕለት 3 ኦክራሲክ፣ ሰጂ ኳሪኹ ደለምና ሺዋን አስተ ኒ ሰንበርሲ ዕለት 4 መታሉትሪትል /14 October 2012 ጫዕተው ሺብድ/ “አመራ አማኑቱኹ” ቅዳሴ እስነድ “አመራ አማኑቱኹ” ተር የኩ።

እን “ሸማግለ አመራ አማኑቱውድ” እውስታኹ ይማምድ እና አመራ አማኑቱኹሱ ኒሓቅሰና ነፍዕስትኖ መንፈሱኹ ረባሕ አርኖሉ እማ መንፈስድ ሒሉቲትኖ ይና መንብሮት ጃር ገድድ መርሒኖ እን ክብያኹ ጃር ካቢን ይነት፣ ጃር ገና ማርያም ድንግሊኻ መንገራትርን ይነት።

ዝኸበርኩም ሕዝበ እግዚአብሔር

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ርእስ ነገር፣ መልእክቲ መኸፈቲ “ዓመተ እምነት”

ብጸጋ እግዚአብሔርን ብሓለዋ ቅዱስ ሚካኤል ለቃ መላእክትን አማልድነት ድንግል ማርያምን ምስ ኩልኻትኩም ይኹን። ቅዱስ አቦና ርእስ ሊቃነ ጳጳሳት በነዲክቶስ መበል 16፣ እዚ ዓመት እዚ ካብ ጥቅምቲ 2005 ክሳብ ኅዳር 2006 ግእዝ / 11 October 2012 –November 2013 ዓ/ፊ/ “ዓመተ እምነት” ክኸውን አበሲሮምና አለዉ።

ነዙ ምሕጽንታኦም አብ ግብሪ ንምውዓል ንእምነትና ክንፈልጥን፣ ክነሕድስን፣ ክነብሮን ክንምስክሮን፣ ናይ ጸሎትን አስተንትኖን መጽናዕትን ዓመት ኮኸነልና፣ አብ ኩለን ቅዱምስናታትን አብያተ ጸሎታትን፣ ካብ ሓሙስ ባሕቲ ጥቅምቲ ክሳብ ቀዳም 3 ጥቅምቲ ናይ ሳልስቲ ናይ ምቅርራብ ጸሎት ተገይሩ አብ ሰንበት 4 ጥቅምቲ ብግእዝ /14 October 2012 ዓ/ፊ/ ናይ “ዓመተ እምነት” መኸፈቲ ቅዳሴ ብምግባር “ዓመተ እምነት” ይጅምር።

በቲ “ሸማግለ ዓመተ እምነት” ዝወሃብ መደብ መሠረት ነዚ ዓመት ብዝግባእ ተጠቂማና መንፈሳዊ ረብሓ ክንረኽብሉ እሞ ብእምነት በርቲዕና ሕይወትና ብጸጋ አምላኽ ክንመርሕ ልዑል እግዚአብሔር ይሓግዘና። ወላዲተ አምላኽ ድንግል ማርያም ከአ ተማልደልና።



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# Year of Faith

- With the Apostolic Letter of 11 October 2011, *Porta fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI declared a *Year of Faith*
- This year will begin on 11 October 2012, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council, and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.

## **The beginning of the *Year of Faith* coincides with:**

- The 20th of the promulgation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, given to the Church by Blessed Pope John Paul II (11 October 1992).
- This year will be a propitious occasion for the faithful: to understand more profoundly that the foundation of Christian faith is “the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction

## **The *Year of Faith* is intended to contribute to:**

- A renewed conversion to the Lord Jesus and
- To the rediscovery of faith, so that the members of the Church will be credible and joy-filled witnesses to the Risen Lord in the world of today

## **THE AIM**

- The Council, according to Pope John XXIII, wanted “to transmit doctrine, pure and whole, without attenuations or misrepresentations,” in such a way that “this sure and immutable teaching, which must be respected faithfully, is elaborated and presented in a way which corresponds to the needs of our time.
- 4 CONSTITUTIONS: THE TRUE PILLARS OF THE COUNCIL : ADDRESSES MAJOR CHALLENGES of THE DAY
- *Lumen gentium*: “Christ is the Light of nations.
- To bring the light of Christ to all men, a light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church.
- *Sacrosanctum Concilium*: Beginning with the light of Christ, which purifies, illuminates and sanctifies in the celebration of the sacred liturgy
- *Dei Verbum*: His divine word and its relationship with the contemporary world  
Pastoral Constitution

- *Gaudium et spes*:

## **RECEPTION & APPLICATION**

- To assist the correct reception of the Council, the Popes have frequently convoked the Synod of Bishops:
- First instituted by the Servant of God, Paul VI, in 1965, providing the Church with clear guidance through the various post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortations
- The next General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in October 2012, will have as its theme: *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*.

## **FRUIT OF THE VATICAN COUNCIL II**

- The 16 documents of the Council
- The Code of Canon Law (CIC)
- The Code of Canons for the Oriental Churches
- Pastor Bonus, and
- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:
  - Is both an “authentic fruit of Vatican Council II” and a tool for aiding in its reception.
- The Extraordinary Synod of Bishops of 1985 convoked on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council and to measure its reception, suggested the preparation of a Catechism in order to offer the People of God a compendium of all Catholic doctrine and a sure point of reference for local catechisms.
- The *Catechism* includes “the new and the old (cfr. Mt 13:52),
- Because the faith is always the same yet the source of ever new light. To respond to this twofold demand, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the one hand repeats the old, traditional order already followed by the Catechism of St Pius V, arranging the material in four parts:

## **MAIN PARTS OF CCC**

1. The *Creed*,
2. The *Sacred Liturgy*, with pride of place given to the sacraments,
3. The *Christian way of life*, explained beginning with the Ten Commandments, and finally,

#### 4. *Christian prayer*

***This Catechism is “a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith.”***

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS / PROPOSALS**

- Desire to aid both the encounter with Christ through authentic witnesses to faith, and the ever-greater understanding of its contents.
- To encourage a ready response to the invitation of the Holy Father to live fully this *Year* as a special “time of grace.”

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL LEVELS**

##### **UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

- Dedicated to *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*. During this Synod, on 11 October 2012, there will be a solemn celebration of the beginning of the *Year of Faith*,
- In the *Year of Faith* pilgrimages of the faithful to the See of Peter are to be encouraged, to profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- To invite the faithful to turn with particular devotion to Mary, model of the Church
- The next World Youth Day, in Rio de Janeiro in July 2013, will offer a special occasion for the young to experience the joy which comes from faith in the Lord Jesus and communion with the Holy Father, in the greater family of the Church.

##### **The *Year of Faith* will offer a special opportunity for all believers:**

- To deepen their knowledge of the primary documents of the Second Vatican Council and
- Their study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

This is especially true for candidates for priesthood, particularly during the propedeutic year or in their first years of theological studies, for novices in Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, as well as for those in a period of discernment for joining an Ecclesial Association or Movement.

Various ecumenical initiatives are to be planned, aimed at “the restoration of unity among all Christians” which “is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council.”

##### **ON THE LEVEL OF EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES**

- Dedicate a day of study to the topic of faith, its personal witness and its transmission to new generations.

- Republication of the Documents of Vatican Council II, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and its *Compendium* is to be promoted,
- A renewed effort to translate the documents of Vatican Council II and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* into languages which lack a translation is desirable.
- Pastors should work to promote television and radio transmissions, films and publications focusing on:
  - The faith, its principles and content, as well as
  - On the ecclesial significance of the Second Vatican Council.

### **KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL SAINTS**

- The Saints and the Blessed are the authentic witnesses of the faith. It is, therefore, opportune that Episcopal Conferences work toward the dissemination of a knowledge of the local Saints of their territory,

### **ENCOURAGE FAITH & ART**

- Educators in centers of theological studies, seminaries and Catholic universities should be encouraged in their teaching to demonstrate the relevance within their various disciplines of the contents of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and of the implications derived from them.
- PREPARATION of pamphlets and leaflets of an apologetic nature (cfr.1 Pt 3:15),
- Every member of the faithful would then be enabled to respond better to the questions which arise in difficult contexts – whether to do with sects, or the problems related to secularism and relativism, or to questions “arising from a changed mentality which, especially today, limits the field of rational certainties to that of scientific and technological discoveries,” or to other specific issues.
- It is hoped that local catechisms and various catechetical supplements in use in the particular Churches would be examined to ensure their complete conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- *The Year of Faith will also be an appropriate time to examine:*
- *The Ratio of formation for future priests, ensuring that the contents of the Catechism for the Catholic Church are present in their theological studies*

## At the Eparchial level

- Having a solemn celebration of the opening and closing of the Year of Faith.
- Organize a study day on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, particularly for its priests, consecrated persons and catechists
- The Eastern Catholic Eparchies could hold a meeting with their priests to give witness to their specific experience and liturgical tradition in the one faith in Christ
- Each Bishop could devote a pastoral letter of his own to the topic of faith, keeping in mind the specific pastoral circumstances of the portion of the faithful entrusted to him, reminding them of the importance of the II Vatican Council and of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
- Each Diocese, under the leadership of the Bishop, catechetical events will be organized, especially for the youth and those searching for a sense of life, helping them to discover the beauty of ecclesial faith, promoting encounters with meaningful witnesses to the faith
- Each particular Church to review **the reception of Vatican Council II** and the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** in its own life and mission, particularly in the realm of catechesis. This would provide the opportunity for a renewal of commitment on the part of the catechetical offices of the Dioceses which - supported by the Commissions for Catechesis of the

Episcopal Conferences – have the duty to care for the theological formation of catechists.

- The continuing education of the clergy can be focused during this *Year of Faith* on the documents of Vatican Council II and on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, treating such themes as “the proclamation of the Risen Christ”, “the Church - sacrament of salvation”, “the mission of evangelization in the world today”, “faith and disbelief”, “faith, ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue”, “faith and eternal life”, “the hermeneutic of reform in continuity” and “the *Catechism* in ordinary pastoral care.”
- Organize penitential celebrations, particularly during Lent, in which all can ask for God’s forgiveness, especially for sins against faith. This *Year* also provides an appropriate occasion in which all can approach the Sacrament of Penance with greater faith and more frequently
- It is hoped that there will be a renewed creative dialogue between faith and reason in the academic and artistic communities, through symposia, meetings and days of study, especially at Catholic universities, in order to demonstrate that “there cannot be any conflict between faith and genuine science,

## **AT A LEVEL OF PARISH/COMMUNITY/ ASSOCIATIONS/ MOVEMENT**

- All of the faithful are invited to read closely and meditate upon Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter, *Porta fidei*
- The *Year of Faith* "will also be a good opportunity to intensify the *celebration* of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist,
- Priests should devote greater attention to the study of the documents of Vatican Council II and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, drawing from them resources for the pastoral care of their parishes – catechesis, preaching, and Sacramental preparation.
- They should also offer cycles of homilies on the faith or on certain specific aspects such as, for example, "the encounter with Christ", "the fundamental contents of the Creed", and "faith and the Church.
- Catechists should hold more firmly to the doctrinal richness of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and, under the direction of their pastors, offer guidance in reading this precious document to groups of faithful.
- It is hoped that there will be a renewed commitment in parishes to the distribution of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and of other resources appropriate for families, which are true domestic churches and the primary setting for the transmission of the faith. This might be done, for example, during the blessing of homes, the Baptism of adults, Confirmations and Marriages.
- During this time, members of Institutes of Consecrated Life and of Societies of Apostolic Life are asked to work towards the new evangelization with a renewed union to the Lord Jesus, each according to their proper charisma, in fidelity to the Holy Father and to sound doctrine.

Associations and Ecclesial Movements are invited to promote specific initiatives which, through the contribution of their proper charism and in collaboration with their local Pastors, will contribute to the wider experience of the *Year of Faith*.

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