



# PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

“I have invited every parish in the diocese to join in a common programme of missionary outreach and evangelisation during the year 2009.”

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

GATHERING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS Saint Laurence O’Toole Parish, Kilmacud, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

“...The Church exists in order to evangelise. All Christians are called to witness, and in this way can be real evangelisers.”

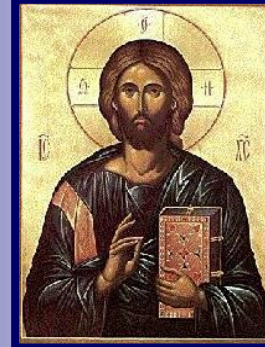
Evangelii Nuntiandi, Pope Paul VI

## Evangelisation

- \* is an essential mission of the church.
- \* “is the most powerful and stirring challenge which the Church has been called to face from her very beginning.” (VS 106)
- \* is about proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- \* starts with being evangelised ourselves; with a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and conversion to his vision and way of life.
- \* is a lifelong journey which is nurtured through prayer, catechesis, Scriptures and the Sacraments.
- \* is being called to bring the values and demands of the Gospel into every sphere of human life and activity.
- \* develops communities that are characterised by a sense of mission and a search for justice.
- \* forms the Church

## Office of Evangelisation

promotes an understanding of evangelisation and provides education, strategies and resources to implement a diocesan vision of evangelisation.



## Reflective Questions:

- \* Who is Jesus Christ?
- \* What aspects of evangelisation are strongest in our parish?
- \* What aspects of evangelisation could we develop during this special year?