

Decalogue to iEvangelize

The Church (...) is not called only to use the media to spread the Gospel but, especially now more than ever, to integrate the message of salvation in the “new culture” that these powerful means of communication create and amplify. The Church warns that the use of techniques and contemporary communication technologies are part of its mission in the third millennium “(John Paul II, The Rapid Development, 2005, n.2).

- 1 CHRIST IS THE SOURCE.** Jesus says: “*And he said to them, go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation*”. (Mc 16,15). This is the commandment from which evangelization is born. This also applies in the internet.
- 2 INTERNET, A “PLACE”, NOT JUST A “MEANS TO AN END”.** The World Wide Web is not just an instrument, it is living space. The objective is to evangelize via the Internet, not just ‘use’ it to Evangelize.
- 3 THE KEY IS TO BE A WITNESS.** “*For the Church, the first means of evangelization is the witness of an authentically Christian life...*” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, n.41). Contents does not truly evangelize unless we bear explicit witness for the love of God in the internet.
- 4 OUR STRENGTH, GRACE.** “*Away from me you can do nothing*” (Gv15,5). Only together in Christ, living a true christian life in fidelity and love towards the Church, iMissionaries can bear abundant fruit and overcome the temptation of discouragement and militancy.
- 5 WE ARE PEOPLE, COMMUNITY.** As important as personal witness, is community witnessing. A community of witnesses, welcoming and open with those that get close to Christ, have more strength to iEvangelize than individual projects.
- 6 ALWAYS CHARITY.** Pride, division and being critical without love amongst christians, causes scandal, skepticism and even atheism. Building the Church, asking and working in comunion, is highly important. Specially if we wish to be Christ’s apostles, and not slaves of the Evil one, who also divides in the World Wide Web.
- 7 OPEN TO EVERYONE.** iEvangelize means being open to a humble dialogue towards everyone, not only towards those that welcome faith, but also towards those that are unaware or live away from it..
- 8 WE AIM TO BEAR FRUIT, NOT TO BE SUCCESSFUL.** Aiming to have more followers, friends, visits...is a form of idolatry. We must be vigilant so avoid being captivated by this medium. iMissionaries do not look for personal success but to bear fruits for the Kingdom.
- 9 ATTAINING PRESENCE VIA THE VIRTUAL.** iEvangelizations has its starting point in the digital world but tries to overcome its frontiers and trigger a personal encounter.
- 10 ALWAYS DISCIPLES, ALWAYS LEARNING.** iMissionaries are always searching for ways to communicate that speak to the heart and announce Jesus Christ. For this iMissionaries need to live faith responsibly and to be continuously trained in communication and new technologies.