

CONVERSION AND RENEWAL

Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Francis and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

“DEEPEST MEANING”

Jesus revealed to His disciples the deepest meaning of His mission when He told them of His passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

EXPERIENCE RENEWAL

... Let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

EXPRESS CONVERSION

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus ..., enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

OPEN HEARTS

... Accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means ... opening our hearts to God’s word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation... It is a message that all of us can receive and understand ...



“SPREAD FORGIVENESS”

By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain.

PRAYER AND CHALLENGES

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission.

“A LEAP OF THE HEART”

Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

“NEW TIMES”

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6).

REVIVAL OF FAITH

... Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us — as communities and as individuals — to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

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