

“COME AND SEE”

Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

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

“MOVING ENCOUNTERS”

The invitation to “come and see”, which was part of those first moving encounters of Jesus with the disciples, is also the method for all authentic human communication... We need to go and see ... for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.

“CLEAR AND HONEST”

... The invitation to “come and see” ... can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church’s daily preaching and in political or social communication... This is always the way that the Christian faith has been communicated...

“FIRST WORDS”

“Come and see” were the first words that Jesus spoke to the disciples who were curious about Him following His baptism in the Jordan river ... He invited them to have a relationship with Him.

HONEST TEST

“Come and see” is the simplest method to get to know a situation. It is the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak, to let his or her testimony reach me



KEYS TO JOURNALISM

Journalism ... as an account of reality, calls for an ability to go where no one else thinks of going: a readiness to set out and a desire to see. Curiosity, openness, passion, We owe a word of gratitude for the courage and commitment of all those professionals ... who often risk their lives in carrying out their work.

WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share.

SEEING AND EXPERIENCING

The word is effective only if it is “seen”, only if it engages us in experience, in dialogue. For this reason, the invitation to “come and see” was, and continues to be, essential.

GOOD NEWS

The Good News of the Gospel spread throughout the world as the result of person-to-person, heart-to-heart encounters with men and women who accepted the invitation to “come and see”, and were struck by the “surplus” of humanity that shone through the gaze, the speech and the gestures of those who bore witness to Jesus Christ.

THE CHALLENGE FOR US

... The Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus. For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us ... is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.

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