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# **Evangelii Gaudium**

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## **I. How Evangelii Gaudium Helps the Church and the People**

Evangelii Gaudium, which means The Joy of the Gospel, helps the Church by reminding us of the importance of sharing the Gospel with happiness and love. Pope Francis tells us that the Church should not stay in its comfort zone but should go out and reach people, especially those who are poor, lonely, or forgotten. The document teaches us to care for others and be more open, so everyone feels welcome in the Church.

It also challenges the Church to focus on real problems in the world, like poverty, inequality, and injustice. By working together to solve these problems, the Church becomes a stronger and more meaningful part of people's lives. This message inspires both Church leaders and ordinary people to live out their faith through actions of kindness and mercy.

## **II. Why the Message of Evangelii Gaudium Is Important for Spreading the Faith**

The message of Evangelii Gaudium is very important for spreading the Catholic faith because it reminds us that the Gospel should be shared with everyone. Pope Francis encourages the Church to be brave and go to places or people that might feel far from the faith. This can include those who stopped going to church, those who feel judged, or even people who don't believe in God.

Pope Francis also talks about joy being the heart of evangelization. If we show joy and love in our faith, more people will want to be part of the Church. This message helps make the Church more relevant, even in today's world where many people focus on things like technology or work and sometimes forget about their faith.

## **III. My Opinion on the Church Today, Based on the Document**

As a member of the LLC community, I think the Church today has both challenges and opportunities. Many young people, including my classmates, don't attend Mass as often or feel as connected to the Church. Some feel that the Church isn't as open to modern ideas or doesn't understand their struggles.

But *Evangelii Gaudium* gives hope because it reminds us that the Church can change and become better. The document encourages the Church to focus on being welcoming, understanding, and helpful to everyone. If the Church listens more to young people and includes them in activities, it could inspire more of us to stay connected to our faith.

#### **IV. Is *Evangelii Gaudium* Important for the Church in the Philippines?**

Yes, *Evangelii Gaudium* is very important for the Church in the Philippines because it talks about things that are very real in our country. Many Filipinos live in poverty, and the document reminds the Church to focus on helping those in need. It also talks about social justice, which is important because there are issues like corruption and inequality in our society.

The document also encourages the Church to include young people, and that is very important for the Philippines since we have so many young people. If the Church reaches out to us and listens to our voices, we can help bring energy and fresh ideas to make the Church stronger.

#### **V. What I Would Suggest for the Church**

for the Church in the Philippines:

- Start more programs to help the poor and those who are struggling. For example, the Church could have feeding programs or help students who can't afford to go to school.
- Encourage young people to join Church activities by making them more exciting and relevant to their lives, like hosting youth camps or using social media to connect with us.
- Speak out against problems like corruption and focus on protecting the environment, since this affects everyone, especially the poor.

For the Church Worldwide:

- Use technology and social media more to spread the Gospel, especially to young people who spend a lot of time online.
- Work with other religions to promote peace and understanding, especially in countries where there are conflicts.
- Always show love and kindness in everything the Church does. People will be more drawn to the Church if they feel accepted and supported.

## **VI. Concept for the Logo/Symbolism**

