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## New Year's Resolutions for Evangelization: A Few Suggestions

COMMENTARY: May 2021 be a year full of grace for everyone. We'll all need it. By [George Weigel](#)

During and after the grim martial law period in the early 1980s, many freedom-minded Poles would greet each other on Jan. 1 with a sardonic wish:

"May the new year be better than you know it's going to be!"

As 2021 opens, that salutation might well be adopted by Catholics concerned about **evangelization** and the future of the Church. So, let's consider some resolutions that might help us all deal with the year ahead in faith, hope, and charity. Here are a few suggested resolutions:

**Resolve to be a missionary disciple at the retail level.** Concerned Catholics constantly ask me, "What can I do?" To which I always respond, "Between now and next Easter, try and bring at least five disaffected Catholics back to Sunday Mass, and try to introduce at least one unevangelized person to Christ." Retail evangelization is essential to authentic Catholic reform; it's also deeply satisfying. Let's get on with it, irrespective of the troubles.

**Resolve to limit your exposure to the Catholic blogosphere.** In 2020, many Catholic websites went bonkers. There is no need to click on sites that specialize in all-hysteria or all-propaganda all-the-time. If you want reliable Catholic news, visit the websites of Catholic News Agency and the National Catholic Register. If you want sane commentary on the turbulent Catholic scene, go to the websites of Catholic World Report, First Things and The Catholic Thing. That's more than enough for anyone. Limiting your blogosphere browsing to these sites, while ignoring the hysteria-mongers and propagandists, will lower your blood pressure while keeping you well-informed.

**Resolve to deepen your spiritual life by serious spiritual reading.** A good place to be start would be a recently published book by Archbishop J. Augustine DiNoia, *Grace in Season — The Riches of the Gospel in Seventy Sermons*.

**Resolve to thank the good priests and bishops you know for their service.** They deserve it. And may 2021 be a year full of grace for everyone. (We'll all need it.) Amen! \*\*\*\*\*



## Family Prayer for a New Year

O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen \*\*\*\*\*