

IT IS EVANGELIZING IN A NEW CULTURE

"A highly digitalized culture that has had a profound impact on ideas of time and space, on our self-understanding, our understanding of others and the world, and our ability to communicate, learn, be informed and enter into relationship with others." (Christus Vivit 86)



7 out of 10 people use a cell phone.



66% of the world's population is online.



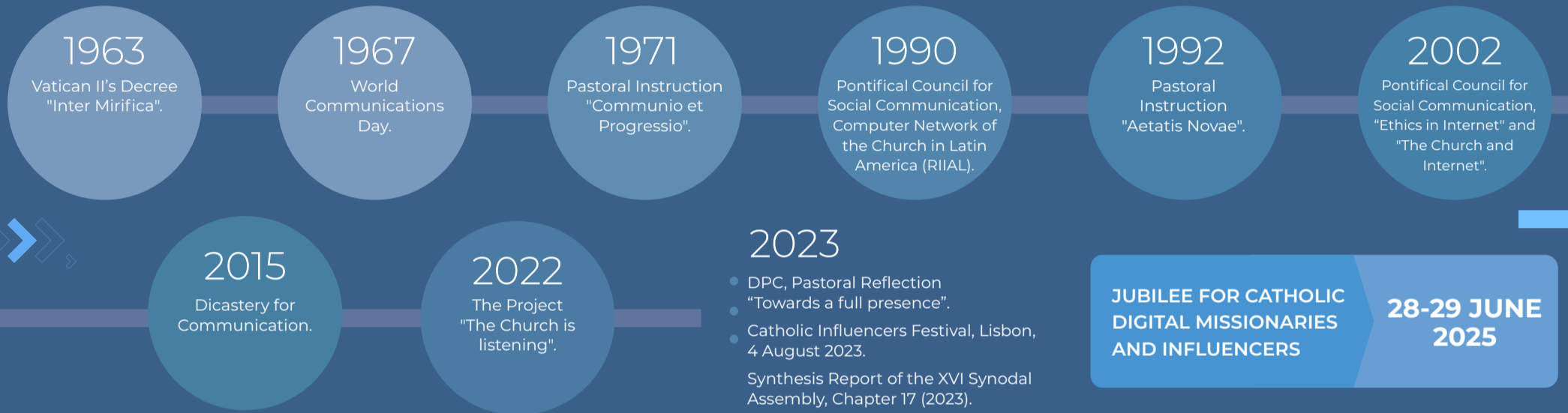
5 billion people use social networks.



More and more people are cultivating their spirituality online (apps, meditations, etc.).

WHICH THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED

As baptized Christians, we are all called to evangelize. Important Church documents:



WHO RESPOND TO THE CALL

"Come, and you will see" (Jn 1:39)
Mission involves a personal and intimate encounter with the Lord.

"Go into the whole world" (Mk 16:15)
Networking allows us to reach the existential peripheries where we meet our siblings who are suffering and seeking.

"All of us in the Church are disciples (...) and we are all missionaries, each in the place the Lord has assigned to him or her".
Pope Francis

"What we have seen and heard" (1 Jn 1:3)
To evangelize we have to be witnesses, and this requires love and spirituality.

"Each one heard them speaking in his or her own language" (Acts 2:6)
It's not enough for the message to be proclaimed. It has to be made one's own.

GOING OUT TO NEW FRONTIERS

- To be a Church that reaches out.
- To go to the existential peripheries.
- To bring tenderness and mercy.
- To reach "todos, todos, todos - all, everyone, all".



"It is up to us to reach today's culture in all spaces where people seek meaning and love, including the spaces they enter through their cell phones and tablets."
Synthesis Report of the XVI Synodal Assembly 2023, Section 17, Point C.



NEW MISSIONARIES ARE NEEDED

- Who go to "samaritanize" and discover "the suffering flesh of Christ".
- Who dream of bringing everyone to Jesus.
- Who courageously and creatively seek new paths of encounter.
- Who are in communion with the Bishops and the whole Church.

TO OPEN US TO NEW HORIZONS

Let local Churches recognize the digital missionaries, form them and accompany them on mission.



"I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium 27).