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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Evangelization, as Pope Paul VI taught, is "the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize" (EVANGELII NUNTIANDI, 14). These words, echoed and expanded by Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, have set the Church on a vibrant course to re-propose the Gospel to the world.

Our parishes are the places in which the work of the New Evangelization - a work which belongs to all the baptized - first takes place. With so much being said about the New Evangelization, I am happy to recommend the work and ministry of ChristLife, a Catholic ministry of evangelization.

ChristLife was founded in 1995 and established as an apostolate by William Cardinal Keeler. ChristLife's mission is to help the people of our day - those who fill our pews on Sundays and those who do not - to personally encounter Jesus Christ and follow Him as disciples and members of the Church. To this end, ChristLife has developed an evangelizing process of three DVD-based courses: "Discovering Christ," "Following Christ", and "Sharing Christ."

I was happy to learn that parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore and in 40 other dioceses (in the United States, Canada, Australia, Slovakia and Nigeria) are using these courses with great fruitfulness. As a result, many people are encountering the joy of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord in parishes and other ministries.

With great joy, I recommend ChristLife to parishes and dioceses looking to respond to the Church's urgent call to a New Evangelization.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
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