

RCIA Principles & Quotes

“It is for you to radiate the Gospel. When they see you, let them discover Jesus Christ!”

-Radiating Christ by Raoul Plus, S.J.

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” -Pope Benedict XVI *Deus Caritas est*

The Spiritual Law of Causality

If the teacher is a saint, the disciple will be fervent;

If the teacher is fervent, the disciple will be pious;

If the teacher is pious, the disciple will at least be decent;

If the teacher is only decent, the disciple will be godless.

-The spiritual generation is always one degree less intense in its life than the one who begets it in Christ.

-Based on Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard, O.C.S.O. *The Soul of the Apostolate*, p. 39

The Church has many good reasons why people should believe in God, believe in Jesus Christ and believe in the beauty and urgency of her own mission. But she has only one *irrefutable* argument for the truth of what she teaches: the personal example of her saints.....The only thing that matters is to be a saint. That's what we need to be. That's what we need to become. -Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia. From a November 17th, 2012 Address to the Catholic Life Congress.

“He loves us. He does what he teaches. He forgives his enemies. His teaching is good.” -one of St. Peter Chanel's (1803-1841) catechumens explaining why he believed Peter's teachings.