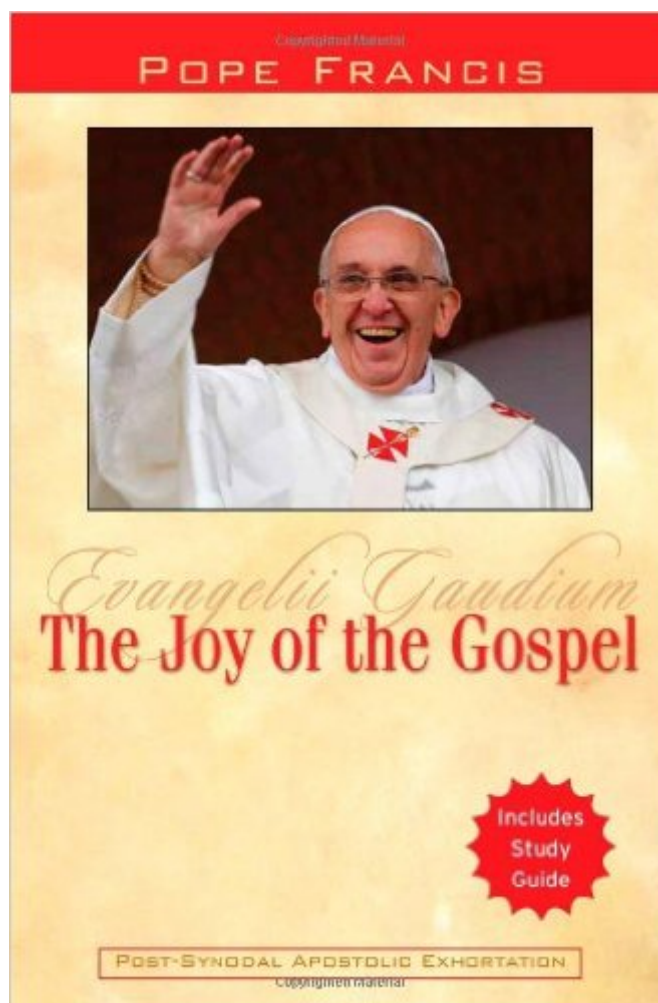


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Synopsis

The Joy of the Gospel is a passionate call for every Christian to be constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others. In this apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis responds to the suggestions of the 2012 Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization by outlining a roadmap for the Church's pastoral mission and work in the world. He envisions a Church of Spirit-filled evangelizers who exude joy and care for God's people, especially the poor. Instead of retreating into our own security, he says, we must not be afraid to have our shoes get soiled by the mud of the street. Pope Francis warns against spiritual worldliness, disunity, and a spirit of pessimism or defeatism. Your parish or small group can be ready to take up Pope Francis' challenge by meeting together to study and discuss this groundbreaking document. The study guide included in this edition contains 41 questions, broken down by chapter, so it will provide plenty of stimulation for reflection and discussion. Questions can also be used for personal reflection.

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Evangelii Gaudium or The Joy of the Gospel was an apostolic exhortation delivered by Pope Francis on November 24, 2013, which was the Solemnity of Christ the King and the conclusion of the Year of Faith. In the introduction, Pope Francis gives Biblical examples showing the relationship between the joy of the Christian faith and the joy of missionary work. The rest of the exhortation is divided into five chapters: The Church's Missionary Transformation Amid the Crisis of Communal Commitment The Proclamation of the Gospel The Social Dimensions of Evangelization Spirit-filled Evangelizers Looking at the numbers of this document, it is clearly a large document. It is 47,560

words. In this glut of words, Pope Francis uses the word "love" 154 times, "joy" 109 times, "the poor" 91 times, "peace" 58 times, "justice" 37 times, and "common good" 15 times. These figures were taken from Wikipedia. I am not going to analyze the words in this document. More brilliant minds than mine have done so. Instead, I am going to briefly compare two editions released by two different publishers. The Image Books edition of The Joy of the Gospel screams papal edition with its bright white cover. The unique features of this books are as follows. 1. It is a hardcover, so you know it will last longer and have shelf appeal. 2. It is deckle edged, which gives it a unique look. 3. It has a Foreword written by Fr. Robert Barron and an Afterword by Fr. James Martin. 4. The notes are at the bottom of the appropriate page and not at the end like normally issued by the Vatican.

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