

Year of Faith
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The Transmission of Divine Revelation

God “desires all men and women to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” through their knowledge of Christ Jesus. For this to happen, Christ must be proclaimed to all nations and individuals, so that His revelation may reach the ends of the earth.

“Christ the Lord, in whom the entire Revelation of the most high God is summed up, commanded the apostles to preach the Gospel, which had been promised beforehand to the prophets, and which Christ fulfilled in his own person and transmitted with his own lips. In preaching the Gospel, the Apostles were to communicate the gifts of God to all people.

In keeping with the Lord’s command, the Gospel was handed on in two ways:

First, it was handed on orally by the apostles – by the spoken word of their preaching, by the example they gave, and by the institutions they established. In these ways they handed on what they themselves had received – whether from the lips of Christ, from his way of life and his works, and from what they learned at the prompting of the Holy Spirit.”

Second, the apostles and other men associated with the apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, handed it on by committing God’s message of salvation to writing,” and speaks to us ever-new in Holy Scripture.

Major Source: The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 74 and 76.