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Be convinced of this: your apostolate consists in spreading goodness, light, enthusiasm, generosity, a spirit of sacrifice, constancy in work, deep study, complete self-surrender, being up-to-date, cheerful and complete obedience to the Church, and perfect charity. Nobody can give what he does not have. (Furrow, 927)

Don't forget that we will be more convincing the more convinced we are. (Furrow, 929)

`Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." And at the end of his time upon earth, Christ commanded: Euntes docete -- go out and teach. He wants his light to shine in the behaviour and words of his disciples, and in yours too. (Furrow, 930)

Is the idea of Catholicism old and therefore unacceptable? The sun is older and has not lost its light; water is more ancient, and it still quenches the thirst and refreshes us. (Furrow, 937)

Some people know nothing about God because no one has talked to

them about him in terms they can understand. (Furrow, 941)

Believe me, the apostolate of giving doctrine usually has to be, as it were, capillary, spreading from one to another, from each believer to his immediate companion. (Furrow, 943)

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