

Homily Hints**The Big Question:**

“Do I welcome change, or do I fear it?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to recognize the ways that Christians in the High Middle Ages sought to live and spread the Gospel message
2. to appreciate the great contributions that the Christians of the High Middle Ages made to the life of the Church
3. to live Christ’s message of peace as we work to share his Gospel.

Homily Hints:

In today’s world we all live with constant change. Young people have the ability to instantly message or text their peers, to download songs to their iPods, to connect to the Internet via handheld, and to update their “status” and personal information at any moment for the world to see on networking Web sites such as facebook.com or MySpace.com.

This is a world in which the Church may seem traditional and out of touch. Young people, as members of the Church, must hear from you that change has always been part of the Church. Discuss the Church’s rich history with the young people, and emphasize that the Church has continually adapted to change. Change has offered the Church opportunity for growth. Christians of all ages in the midst of change made great contributions to the life of the Church.

Share how you have experienced change in the Church and how it has enabled you to live and spread the Gospel message. In not fearing change, but instead seeing how God’s grace is alive in the life of the Church, the young people can experience the spirit of healthy change within the people of God.

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