

In 2023, the internet, social media and technology have grown to become a greater part of our everyday life and socializing. This has become the same with the Catholic Church, from online daily masses to sharing a bible verse via text messages. As our world has entered the digital age, Catholics have had to adapt to find other ways to evangelize with the internet. Social media has been an easy way for many Catholics to connect with other Catholics and share their faith on a platform. With search platforms and websites, it's much easier to find bible verses and websites about faith. There are many ways in which Catholics can evangelize in the digital age, with social media and the internet.

One of the ways Catholics can connect with millions of other Catholics and share their experiences is through social media. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and Pinterest are all examples of where content creators can share ideas and faith-based thoughts and grow a community. Not only are these online Catholic communities for adults, but a lot of content creators are younger people who are targeted to a younger audience (young adults and teenagers). These online communities give younger, and older people, a chance to connect and share experiences about their faith. For example, many Christian Youtubers stream bible studies which people can join. Another example is with content creators vlogging, which can include going to mass, reading the bible, and praying, which influences hundreds to millions of people around the world. Social media is just another easy way for Catholics and Christians to connect and grow closer to God.

Since the development of the internet, we have been able to access billions of websites with the touch of a finger. This has made certain arduous things, like searching for the right passage in the bible, effortless. With Google, and being able to access online Bibles, we're able to share bible passages and verses via text messages. This is a perfect example of evangelizing in the digital age, using the internet to share your Catholic beliefs with others. We cannot only share bible passages and verses but also Christian content with others. Online websites provide easy access to information about Catholicism and Christianity, and people can evangelize through websites by creating and developing them. Blessed Carlos Acutis is a good example of someone finding a way to evangelize with the internet. He was an Italian Catholic, born in 1991, and was a website designer, best known for the documentation of miracles that was shared and used around the world before his tragic death in 2006. He was able to use his knowledge and talents with technology to evangelize in the digital age with the internet.

As a Catholic who has grown up in the digital age, there are many ways in which the internet has been a great resource for my faith. With social media, such as YouTube and Pinterest, I have felt a sense of community as a Catholic. Watching bible studies and certain content creators can motivate me to read the Bible. Social Media platforms are a great way to share events, like conferences, retreats and camps with a large audience. For example, I've been going to the *Ignite Camp* for the past two years and a big way they advertise their camps is by Instagram. They also have quite a few zoom nights where people can socialize and talk. Christian music and podcasts are another way that I can listen to people share their faith when

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I'm on a walk, at the gym or doing another daily task. Social media and music have helped me grow in my faith and connect me to more Christians.

In conclusion, we as Catholics can evangelize in many different ways in the digital age. With the help of social media, we can share content and build communities, inspiring Christians all over the world. With the internet, we can build websites and have the opportunities to easily find online bibles, daily masses, news and share our faith with others effortlessly with the internet. The internet has helped and made it easier to evangelize for many people, and we as Catholics will have to continue to adapt the more our society progresses online.