This past week, the priests of our diocese met for our annual Convocation. We discussed both evangelization and catechesis, as these two topics cover the first two years of +Bishop Jacques' *Via Fidelis* (https://charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis-home/).

Evangelization is sharing the Gospel to help people become disciples of Jesus (within our churches and outside them). Catechesis is growing in deeper knowledge of our Church's teachings to discover how we imitate Christ.

These two topics will be the "lenses" through which we will be looking beginning Ash Wednesday of this year and continuing through the Christmas season of next year. This is because, as our knowledge of the Lord Jesus grows, our love for Him cannot help but grow. And, as our love for Him grows, so, too, does our desire to serve Him. In essence, then, this is the "spiritual equation" that makes an authentic disciple: knowledge + love = service.

May this be the prayer of each of us as we see through the lenses of evangelization and catechesis; namely, that we each become authentic disciples of the Son of God: Jesus Christ.

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