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“THE TIMES WE LIVE IN DEMAND ACTION”

Magisterium Summons Church to Action

- “The first point to remember, it seems to Us, is that of the necessity of action, of action clearly conceived and firmly willed;” [\[1\]](#)
- “So vehement an attack demands an equal or greater defense – namely, that all good men should form the widest possible association of action and of prayer. We beseech them, therefore, with united hearts, to stand together and unmoved against the advancing force of the sects;” [\[2\]](#)
- “Christ, before going to Heaven, entrusted to His apostles and through them to the whole Church, the office of evangelizing the world in His Name. Each Christian must, therefore, be persuaded that a part of that office rests upon his shoulders and that no one can discharge it in his place;” [\[3\]](#)
- “The Apostolic See not only permits your action; it exhorts you to the apostolate, to spend yourselves for the realization of the great missionary duty of Christians, to bring back all the wandering sheep into one fold under one Shepherd;” [\[4\]](#)
- “Amongst the duties which we owe to God and His Church, an important place must be given to the zeal with which each one must work, in the measure possible, to propagate Christian Faith and reject errors;” [\[5\]](#)
- “Everyone according to his position ought to gird himself for the task, and indeed as speedily as possible, lest, by delaying the remedy, the evil, which is already of vast dimensions, become incurable;” [\[6\]](#)
- “The call of the moment is not for lamentation but action; not lamentation over what has been, but reconstruction of what is to arise and must arise for the good of society. It is for the members of the Christian family, filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in the spirit of truth, justice and love, to the call: GOD WILLS IT, ready to serve, to sacrifice themselves, like Crusaders of old;” [\[7\]](#)
- “The Christian who does honor to his name is always an apostle; it is not fitting for the soldier of Christ to abandon the combat, for death alone puts an end to his service;” [\[8\]](#)
- “Besides, as it is a question of a sect which has invaded all domains, it is not enough to remain on the defensive. Catholics must descend courageously into the arena and combat it face to face. This you shall do, dear sons, by opposing publications to publications, schools to schools, associations to associations, congresses to congresses, action to action...” [\[9\]](#)
- “The just man is a Christian who will not be satisfied with standing idly amid the ruins; he will feel it his duty to resist and prevent the catastrophe, or at least to lessen its impact. He will be there to rebuild.” [\[10\]](#)
- “The times we live in demand action...Therefore, there is no need for Us to remind you that, when the enemy approaches and is at our doors, it is time for the call to arms. But for you, it is not only a question of sounding the alert; the enemy is in the very interior of the Empire...All the faithful, then, must be gathered together, and especially the most valiant among them. We exhort you to do this with all your strength.” [\[11\]](#)

WHY CATHOLIC ACTION?

- Because Catholic Action “constitutes the best protection against the strategems of evil [and] the most efficacious training ground in Christian strength,” [\[12\]](#)
- Catholic Action constitutes lay “collaboration in the evangelizing mission of the Church and in her work in civilizing the world; in the defense of her liberties and her rights...[and] to restore and promote in Christ true Christian civilization;” [\[13\]](#)
- “...[T]he participation of the laity in the apostolate of the Hierarchy...[\[14\]](#) [aiding the priest in] carrying the torch of truth, and in relieving grave spiritual and material suffering...[Catholic Action must] organize propaganda on a large scale to disseminate knowledge of the fundamental principles on which, according to the Pontifical documents, a Christian social order must build...” [\[15\]](#)
- Catholic Action is a “highly Christian enterprise, which exalts the zealous children of the Church Militant to the merit and dignity of the noblest and holiest crusade, being fought for the extension, defense and consolidation of the Kingdom of Christ in the human race;” [\[16\]](#)
- Its aim is “to establish the human race under the rule of Our Lord, Jesus Christ...” [\[17\]](#) [T]he restoration of all things in Christ;” [\[18\]](#)
- And “to convert the world and to unite all nations in the Kingdom of God;” [\[19\]](#)
- “...[B]ringing back to Jesus Christ the multitudes who for so long have unhappily been led astray from Him...diffusing and establishing in individual, family and social life the Catholic principles of authority, obedience, order, justice, equity and charity...;” [\[20\]](#)
- “...[T]he diffusion of Christ’s Kingdom among individuals, in the family, and throughout society;” [\[21\]](#)
- “...[E]xpanding the Kingdom of Christ...to obtain thus for society the maximum good, and then, all the other benefits that flow therefrom, that is, those that belong to the good ordering of a nation, and are called ‘political;’” [\[22\]](#)
- “...[R]estoring the reign of Christ in the world...revitalizing and reinforcing the foundations of civil society;” [\[23\]](#)
- Repairing “the losses in the Kingdom of God already won to Him;” [\[24\]](#)
- Catholic Action “embraces all the works of mercy...”[\[25\]](#) “[It] concentrates itself upon social and religious work, and looks to raise the people by rendering them obedient to the Church and her Head, by shielding them from the perils of socialism and anarchy, by inculcating respect for the principle of authority, and by lightening their load of poverty by the manifold works of Christian charity;” [\[26\]](#)
- “Immense is the field of Catholic Action; it excludes absolutely nothing which in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly, pertains to the divine mission of the Church;” [\[27\]](#)
- “...[T]o lay the foundations of good politics; to prepare politically the consciences of citizens, to form them in a Catholic and Christian manner...” [\[28\]](#)
- “...[T]o sustain and develop it [Catholic Action] with the help of a daily newspaper: always on the condition that this newspaper prove itself to be really and in the fullest sense Catholic [i.e. Catholic in the integral, militant, Magisterial and counterrevolutionary sense]...” [\[29\]](#)
- “...[C]learing away the darkness of evil...” [\[30\]](#) “[T]he urgent matter of the unified defense [of our country]...[P]rotecting the very foundation of the faith and of Christian civilization...[T]he energetic and timely application of remedies which will effectively ward off the catastrophe that daily grows more threatening;” [\[31\]](#)
- Catholic Action “must unite their efforts to repel [the enemies of religion]...” [\[32\]](#)
- Important tasks for the men of Catholic Action must include “Religious culture. A deep, firm knowledge of the Catholic faith...Sanctification of feast days of obligation...Salvation of the Christian family...A more equitable distribution of wealth...[A] consciousness of responsibility for the common good...” [\[33\]](#)
- “...[T]o unite all their forces in order to combat anti-Christian civilization by every just and lawful means, and to repair in every way the grievous disorders which flow from it...” [\[34\]](#)
- “...[T]o reinstate Jesus Christ in the family, the school, and society; to re-establish the principle that human authority represents that of God; to take intimately to heart the interests of the people, especially those of the working and agricultural classes...to improve their economic condition; to endeavor, consequently, to make public laws conformable to justice, to amend or suppress those laws which are not so; finally, with a true Catholic spirit, to defend and support the rights of God in everything, and the no less sacred rights of the Church;” [\[35\]](#)
- “[T]o reestablish order in a society which has been overturned...[by restoring] religious principles to their place of honor;” [\[36\]](#)
- “...[T]o oppose as a solid army the many-sided wickedness of the enemy;” [\[37\]](#)
- “...[O]pposing effectively the progress of socialism which, breathing hatred against Christianity, and robbing the people of their hopes of heaven, is advanced menacingly to destroy utterly the already shaken structure of society;” [\[38\]](#)
- “Today dikes are broken and evil rushes onward like a torrent which destroys cities and countryside and submerges beneath its unclean and disease-laden waters whole populations...To react openly and firmly against such great evils is a primordial duty of...Catholic Action;” [\[39\]](#)
- “Every Christian must contribute to the great work of the salvation of the world, clearing away the darkness of evil...The task of Catholic Action is more urgent and more important than ever, for the enemy of humanity is always gathering more recruits in greater numbers;” [\[40\]](#)
- “We cherish the firm hope that the fanaticism with which the sons of darkness work day and night at their materialistic and atheistic propaganda will at least serve the holy purpose of stimulating the sons of light to a like and even greater zeal for the honor of the Divine Majesty;” [\[41\]](#)
- “To work then and to labor, beloved sons! Close your ranks. Do not let your courage fail; do not remain inert in the midst of the ruins. Come out from them to build a new world for Christ;” [\[42\]](#)

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