

Liturgical Year 2019- Changes, plus *the Un-business Plan*

As *The Catholic Navigator* sets out upon its sixth year of charting a course to Christ, rough seas and strong winds complicate our passage. The Church is being buffeted, and in some countries nearly obliterated. A new age of martyrdom has dawned. And while we are assured that the Gates of Hell will not ultimately prevail, large numbers of baptized Catholics have faltered in their trust in Christ and no longer claim any religious affiliation. The faith of youth and young adults in today's culture is particularly at risk.*

We have assessed how our apostolate can best respond to these ever changing seas. Some changes seemed appropriate in view of our mission:

- *The Catholic Tugboat* will not be part of the Liturgical Year 2019 fleet. Instead, it will be in dry-dock undergoing major refitting for 2020 to address the interests of 3rd to 5th graders, following up on first reception of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- *The Catholic Schooner* will be joining the 2019 fleet to address the interests of middle school/junior high school youth, a group identified as vulnerable to the distracting influences of the secular culture.*
- *The Catholic Clipper* has been refined in its focus for young adults, both single and married with small children. *The Catholic Navigator*, on the other hand, has been broadened in its approach so as to set the theme of family catechesis across all publications.
- Our website, <http://www.TheCatholicNavigator.org> will gradually expand its inclusion of source material to emphasize the interconnectedness of the publications. There will also be an added section in on The Gallery page, entitled *Voices from Catholic Land* highlighting each week current articles appearing in Catholic blogs, news sources and online publications.

The 'un-business plan' of our catechetical apostolate

The plan is, simply, free *of charge*. We have prayerfully discerned that we should not charge either individuals or institutions for what we have been gifted by Christ through His Church and which we are privileged to transmit with ecclesial approval.

We trust in Our Lord and Our Lady to help us meet our publication costs. Perhaps He and she will even influence a foundation or wealthy benefactor to assist with the finances. Theirs would be an act of giving as Christ called for (Mt. 6:2-4) because *The Catholic Navigator* has not sought IRS 501C-3 status.

*(See USCCB 2019 Catechetical Theme, posted on *The Galley* page of this website)

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