

From the Code of Eastern Canon Law

Can. 584 - § 1. The Church, following the mandate of Christ to evangelize all nations, and moved by the grace and charity of the Holy Spirit, recognizes herself to be totally missionary.

§ 2. The evangelization of the nations should be so done that, preserving the integrity of faith and morals, the Gospel can be expressed in the culture of individual peoples; namely, in catechetics, their own liturgical rites, in sacred art, in particular law, and, in short, the whole ecclesial life.

Can. 585 - § 1. Each of the Churches *sui iuris* is to continually see that, through suitably prepared preachers sent by the competent authority according to the norms of the common law, the Gospel is preached in the whole world under the guidance of the Roman Pontiff.

§ 2. The synod of bishops of the patriarchal Church or the council of hierarchs is to establish a commission to foster a more effective cooperation among all the eparchies in the missionary activity of the Church.

§ 3. In the individual eparchies a priest is to be designated to effectively promote endeavors on behalf of the missions.

§ 4. The Christian faithful are to promote among themselves and others knowledge and love for the missions, to pray for them, to inspire vocations and support them generously with their own means.

Can. 586 - It is strictly forbidden to compel someone, to persuade him in an inappropriate way, or to allure him to join the Church; all the Christian faithful are to be concerned that the right to religious freedom is vindicated so that no one is driven away from the Church by adverse harassment.

Can. 587 - § 1. Persons who desire to join the Church are to be admitted with liturgical ceremonies to the catechumenate, which is not a mere presentation of teachings and precepts, but a formation in all the Christian life and an apprenticeship duly lasting for sometime.

§ 2. Persons who are enrolled in the catechumenate have the right to be admitted to the liturgy of the word and other liturgical celebrations not reserved to the Christian faithful.

§ 3. It is the responsibility of the particular law to enact regulations by which the catechumenate is to be directed; these regulations are to determine what is to be expected from catechumens and what prerogatives are recognized as theirs.

Can. 588 - Catechumens are free to enroll in whatever Church *sui iuris* they want, according to the norm of can. 30; however, it has to be provided that nothing stands in the way of their enrollment in the Church that is more appropriate to their culture.

Can. 589 - Missionaries either native or non-native are to be equipped with the necessary skills and ability; they are to be suitably trained in missiology and missionary spirituality, as well as instructed in the history and culture of the peoples to be evangelized.

Can. 590 - In missionary activity attention must be paid that the young Churches reach maturity in due time and be fully established so that, under the guidance of their own hierarchy, they can provide for themselves, and assume and fulfill the work of evangelization.

Can. 591 - Missionaries are to zealously take steps that:

1° vocations to the sacred ministries are prudently promoted among the neophytes so that the young Churches abound before long in native clerics;

2° catechists are to be established so that, being valid cooperators of the sacred ministers, they can fittingly discharge their function in the work of evangelization and in liturgical activity; a just remuneration for the catechists is to be provided by particular law.

Can. 592 - § 1. In missionary territories particular care has to be taken to promote forms of apostolate for the lay persons; to promote institutes of consecrated life through methods suited to their characteristics and culture; to establish, according to the needs, schools and other institutions of Christian education and cultural progress.

§ 2. Likewise dialogue and cooperation with non-Christians is to be eagerly and prudently encouraged.

Can. 593 – § 1. All the presbyters of whatever condition working in missionary territories and forming one presbyterate are to cooperate zealously in the work of evangelization.

§ 2. They are to freely cooperate according to can. 908 with all other Christian missionaries so that together witness is given to Christ the Lord.

Can. 594 - Missionary territories are those recognized as such by the Apostolic See.

Can 646 - Hierarchs above all are to promote ecclesiastical universities and faculties, that is, those which deal chiefly with Christian revelation and sciences connected with it and so are closely linked with the Church's task of evangelization.