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Environment in which Faith is Transmitted

Every nation is a community, with its own historical memory, earthly homelands, and struggle for well-being and perfection. It was to the nations that Christ sent his apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (*Mt 28:19-20*). The Christianization of the nations depends upon the gradual formation of a Christian worldview and structuring of life. The Christian culture of a given nation is a means for transmitting the faith from one generation to the next. It nurtures within the nation a love for God, for one's earthly homeland, sacrificial service for the sake of its well-being, in an honest attitude towards work; it strengthens bonds within families, among relatives and in society. The mutual permeation of the Gospel and the culture of a people is expressed in the self-governance of a Church. (# 69)