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Pope Francis says, “What we especially need in these times are credible witnesses who make the Gospel visible by their lives as well as by their words, and who reawaken the attraction for Jesus Christ, for the beauty of God.. We need Christians who make God’s mercy and tenderness for every creature visible to the men of our day..” And this, he continues, “requires a shared commitment.. which brings us back to the essential and which is solidly focused on the essential; that is, on Jesus Christ. To get diverted by many secondary or superfluous things does not help; what helps is to focus on the fundamental reality, which is the encounter with Christ, with his mercy and with his love.. We might ask ourselves: what is the pastoral plan of our dioceses or parishes like? Does it make the essential visible, namely Jesus Christ?”

Make the Essential visible, namely Jesus Christ: this is the inescapable Event from which everything is unleashed and radiates, from which the possibility of a new and true life and civilization is generated. [...] It is simply and urgently necessary to return to Jesus, to encounter Him, to bring Jesus back among the people, to let the attraction for Jesus Christ reawaken; it is necessary to revive and rouse the life of a man to the presence of Jesus through the encounter, the witness, the flesh of men and women who, in their human that lives responsibly in the various fields of reality – from the most private, workaday and domestic daily life to the reality of relationships, of presence and public responsibility such as work – abound, overabound, exude an incomparable and irresistible charm, beauty, love, joy, hope, intelligence and industry... that can only arise from a life attracted and attached to Jesus: the real one, the living one... not, as C. S. Lewis writes, “something that resembles him.”