

Writing

“The writing was the writing of God.” **Ex 32:16**

“He had successfully committed to writing the exact specifications of the pattern, because the hand of the Lord was upon him.” **1 Chron, 28:19.**

“Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; write them on the tablet of your heart.” **Prov 3:3.**

“Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: ‘Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you.’” **Jer 30:2.**

“And the Lord answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end-it will not lie. If it seem slow, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay,’” **Hab 2:2-3.**

Jesus said, “Thus it is written ‘Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” **Mt 4:4.**

“Every scribe(writer) who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” **Mt 13:52.**

“It is this disciple who testifies to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.” **John 21:24-25.**

“You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.” **2 Cor 3:2-3.**

“For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” **Rom 15:4.**

“This is the covenant I will make: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts,” **Heb 8:0.**

“I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God; stand fast in it.” **1 Pe 5:12.**

St John says, “We are writing this that our joy may be complete.” **1 John 1:4.**

God says, “Behold I make all things new. Write this for these words are trustworthy and true.” **Rev 21:5.**

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because we are created by God, for God.” **CCC, 27.**

“Be seeds of holiness scattered by the handful in the furrows of history. Rooted in the freely given and effective action with which the Lord's Spirit guides human events, may you bear fruits of genuine faith, writing with your life and your witness trajectories of hope, writing them with the actions suggested by "creativity' in charity"” **Pope Benedict XVI, Speech Feb 3, 2007.**

For the purification of our words, hence, also for the purification of the words of the world, we need that silence which becomes contemplation, which introduces us into God's silence and brings us to the point where the Word, the redeeming Word, is born." **Pope Benedict XVI, Sermon Oct 6, 2006.**

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Writing is a spiritual gift when it is done under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and in accord with the faith of the writer. Those who write for the Lord are very aware of the need for prayer and a mature spiritual life. Frequent reception of the sacraments increases the harmony between the creative gifts of the writer and the truths of love and faith reflected in the written word. Writers reflect their faith and beliefs in their work and enjoy an openness and close communication with God and the Church's teachings. The Church has a rich heritage of spiritual writings for two thousand years and writers add to it. They enjoy writing and sharing their faith through the printed word.

Questions to share

- 1. Which passage touches you or burns in your heart the most? Why?**
- 2. How have you exercised this gift in the past?**
- 3. How are you now exercising this gift in ministry?**
- 4. Do you see new ways you can exercise this ministry in the future?**