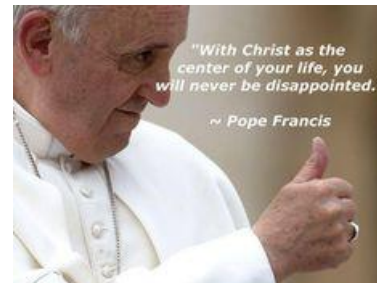


Pope Francis Lesson Two: Simplify (November)

The greatest danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry, and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life, it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. The Joy of the Gospel, #2

When we put Christ at the center of our life,
we ourselves don't become the center!
Address to the participants at the International
Congress on Catechesis, September 27, 2013



The Church is apostolic because we pray - our first duty - and because we proclaim by our life and by our words. General Audience, October 16, 2013