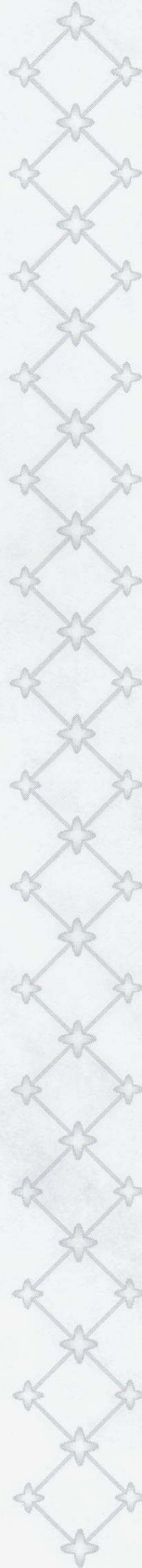


Father John
A. Hardon, S.J.

A tireless worker, Father Hardon continually strove to do God's work and did so in the spirit of the pious, selfless and indefatigable Jesuit priests of great renown. A prolific author, learned theologian, unwavering defender of the faith, and devoted teacher, he was ever loyal to the Magisterium of the church and the Vicar of Christ. During his life he evangelized and converted many souls to God. He assisted the formation of many religious societies and lay apostolates, authored over 200 books, authored catechisms and text books, and contributed heavily to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Years after his birth into eternal life, his guiding influence continues to be felt.

Father Hardon desired a Catholic lay apostolate be formed to implement the directives of the Vatican II document, *Inter Mirifica*. This apostolate is to evangelize by the proper use of the means of social communication – the media. Thus the Apostolate promotes the teaching of the Catholic Church so that it may be universally known and accepted while applying it to all areas of human knowledge and concern.



“Catholics have to wake up to their grave responsibility in the modern world; they must be aroused from their sleep of lethargy in allowing the media to be mainly untapped for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom in our day.”

– *The Urgent Call to Evangelization*,
Father John A. Hardon, S.J.
Catholic Faith, 1995

“The unity and advancement of men living in society: these are the chief aims of social communication and of the means it uses...the way men live and think is profoundly affected by the means of communication. ... (S)ocial communication can contribute a great deal to human unity. If, however, men’s minds and hearts are ill disposed, if good will is not there, this outpouring of technology may produce an opposite effect, so that there is less understanding and discord, and as a result evils are multiplied. Too often we have to watch social communications used to contradict or corrupt the fundamental values of human life”

– *Pastoral Instruction on the Means of Social Communication*
Communio et Progressio,
January 29, 1971