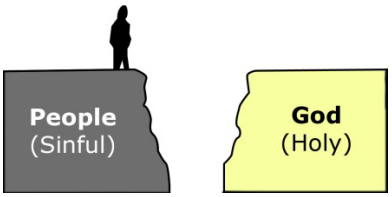
"The Good News"

1) God's Love and His Plan

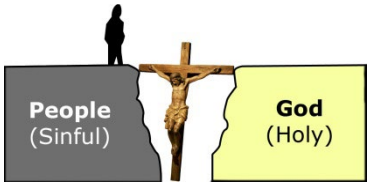
God created us out of love. He loves us and offers a wonderful plan for our lives. God gave us free will so that we can freely choose to love Him. To be truly happy, we need to be in relationship with God.

2) Our Sin Problem Causes Separation from God



We sin and separate ourselves from God, becoming blind to His love and His Plan.

3) God's Remedy: Jesus' Crucifixion, His Resurrection and the Church



Jesus came as our Savior. Jesus is the only answer to our sin problem – He is our Bridge to God.

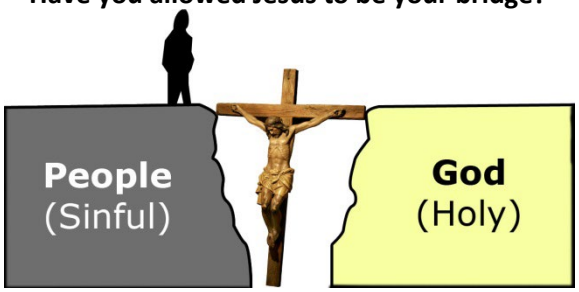
Out of His love for us, Jesus suffered excruciating pain and died in our place so that our sins could be forgiven. Jesus rose from the dead to save us from Satan, sin and death and to offer us a share in His life.

Jesus established the Catholic Church on the Apostles with Peter as the Head. Jesus gave the Apostles the teachings so we can know the Truth and He instituted the Sacraments so we may receive His own divine life, strengthening us to live according to the Truth. Jesus chose to remain with us; we can receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus desires a deep friendship with us through frequent conversation.

4) Our Response

Have you allowed Jesus to be your bridge?

Sin
Rebellion
Separation



Wholeness
Peace and Joy
Forgiveness
Grace-filled Life

What are we to do?

- Turn to the Lord and ask for the specific help that you need.
- Ask Jesus for the gift of faith to believe the "Good News" that He is your Savior. Believing involves trust and commitment.
- Pray on a daily basis, developing a personal friendship with Christ.
- Acknowledge personal sinfulness and trust Christ's promise of forgiveness. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and cooperate with His grace to break sinful habits.
- Receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday.
- Know that we will face trials & suffering. Jesus asks us to carry our cross and He will be with us.