

was entirely evangelical—we wanted to spread the Gospel, the "good news" of Jesus Christ, in

an increasingly secular age. We were moved to act by what we saw and read in the mainstream media: daily distortions and mockery of the Church's teachings. The faith was depicted as an impediment to happiness and

freedom, not as the one great source of true happiness and freedom. As young, idealistic writers, we wished to counteract this mockery and correct these distortions by offering our own new, clear, and (hopefully) compelling voice in the "war of ideas" of our time. Seeking to defend the truth of Christ and of His Church,

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