

THE MARTYRS OF LA FLORIDA: *Lessons On The New Evangelization*

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at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine

Saint John Paul II is known for having coined the term "**New Evangelization**" during one of his visits to Haiti, where he called not for a re-evangelization America, but for a *New Evangelization*, "new in its ardor, methods and expression."

But did you know that this New Evangelization was already **applied in the 1500s by Spanish missionaries in La Florida**? There, Franciscan missionaries brought the Christian faith to Native cultures, who embraced it as the fulfillment of their beliefs and **died trying to defend it from Protestant invaders**.



Join us for a conversation with **Dr. Mary Soha**, vice-postulator for the **Canonization Cause of the Florida Martyrs**, as she discusses the New Evangelization in the context of Native American communities and the lessons that we can take for the New Evangelization today.

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