



At a time when all Christians, baptized and sent, are urged to strengthen their missionary identity, awareness, and skills for the sake of their engagement in the world, Fr. Colzani here shares his reflections on the Church's mission and witnessing of faith, as a tool for missionary formation and pastoral guidance.

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