



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

### **Apostolic Tradition**

Christ entrusts the word of Revelation to his apostles: "... for the words that you [Father] gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them...I have given them your word" (*Jn 17:8, 14*). The Church continues the apostolic mission in the transmission of God's Revelation. She is called to preach and to interpret it. To fill this, Christ gave his Church the Holy Spirit, who leads her into all truth (see *Jn 16:13*). The Church transmits God's Revelation in two ways: *orally* - "by the apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with him, and from what he did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit;" and *in writing* - "by those apostles and apostolic men who under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit committed the message of salvation to writing." (#32)