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On April 9, the Vatican announced the release of a new papal document titled *Gaudete et Exsultate*, ("Rejoice and Be Glad!"). The apostolic exhortation is the third of Pope Francis' papacy and the fifth major teaching document he has published in five years.

### **On the show today:**

- NCR Vatican correspondent [Joshua J. McElwee](#)
- Brian Flanagan, associate professor of theology at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. He is the author of [Stumbling in Holiness: Sin and Sanctity in the Church](#), to be published this September by Liturgical Press, and a contributor to the blog [www.dailytheology.org](http://www.dailytheology.org). You can find him on Twitter at [@BrianPFlanagan](#).

### **Background reading:**

- [Joshua J. McElwee reports](#) that the document is a call to become holy by serving others, especially migrants.
- In *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Francis puts the "exhort" back into exhortation in one long, incisive effort to urge Christians on, [says Michael Sean Winters](#).
- In the document, Francis is calling us on a journey of 'small holiness,' [writes Brian Flanagan](#).
- NCR's Jamie Manson asks: [Should women rejoice over Gaudete et Exsultate?](#)
- Cardinal Blase Cupich and others [have praised Gaudete et Exsultate](#) for addressing spiritual hunger and providing practical help for parishes.

# REJOICE AND BE GLAD

## *GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE*



Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate" ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), was released at the Vatican April 9. (CNS photo)

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