

Maintaining MOMENTUM ←

→ IN THE YEAR OF FAITH



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Opening Prayer – Acts 14:21-28

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” They appointed presbyters for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.



After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Then they spent no little time with the disciples.



O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because in revealing them you can neither deceive nor be deceived. (Act of Faith)



Year of Faith

- Proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI
- Announced in a *Motu Proprio* called *Porta Fidei* – “door of faith” (Acts 14:27) – “always open for us” (1)
- Prior Year of Faith in 1967
Proclaimed by Paul VI
- Reaffirmed by Pope Francis at his first General Audience on March 27, 2013



How long does it last?

- Opened on two anniversaries and a feast day
- October 11, 1962 – Opening of the Second Vatican Council
- October 11, 1992 – Promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Feast day of Blessed John XXIII
- Closes on November 24, 2013 – Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

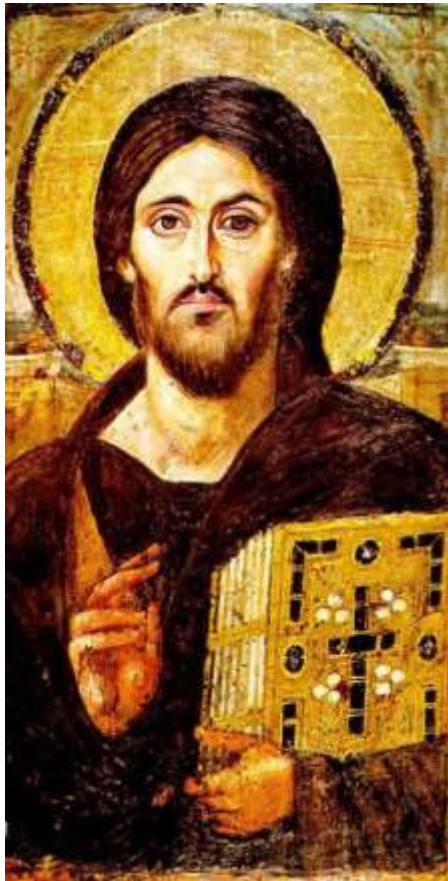


Why have a Year of Faith?

- Cannot assume faith today (2)
- Ongoing renewal of the Church – continuity (6)
- Evangelization – many are searching – “preamble to faith” (10)
 - “*Caritas Christi urget nos*’ (2 Cor. 5:14): it is the love of Christ that fills our hearts and impels us to evangelize” (7).



What is faith?



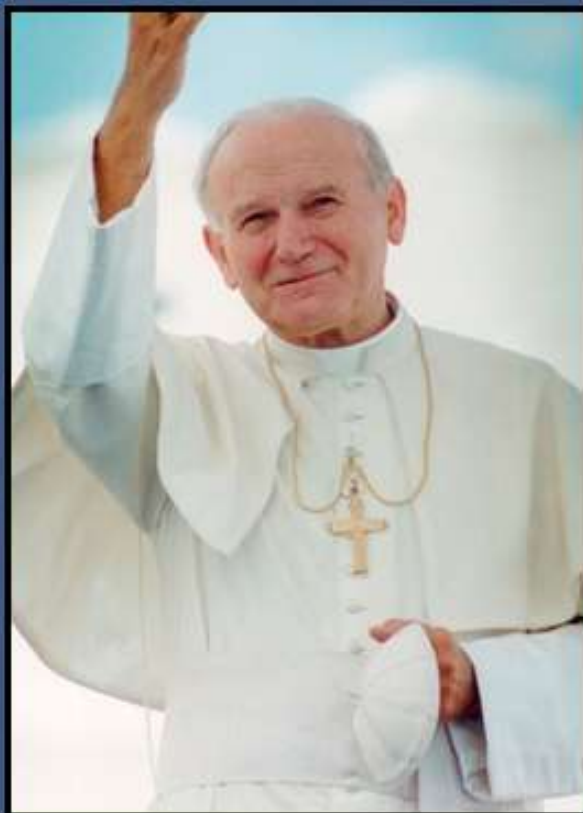
- 142 Invitation by God to be a friend. Response “to this invitation is faith”
- 143 “The obedience of faith”



How is faith lived?

“Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy” (7).





Pope John Paul II:
"This is what we believe."

Pope Benedict XVI:
"This is why we believe it."

Pope Francis:
"Now go do it."

- Meme Courtesy of The Youth Evangelization



- “A Christian may never think of belief as a private act . . . Profession of faith is an act both personal and communitarian” (10)
- Church – “primary subject of faith”
- Received baptism – “in the faith of the Christian community” (10)



Central Aspects of the Year of Faith

- A time to “retrace the history of our faith” – believers who have gone before us, people today (13)
- “Intensify the witness of charity” (14)



“Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path . . . It is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbor along the journey of life” (14).



Study...

the Documents of Vatican Council II and
the Catechism of the Catholic Church



Learn...

more about the New Evangelization



Deepen...

faith formation, especially Sacred Scripture
and the Creed



Strengthen...

devotion to *Mary*,
the Saints and Blessed



Make...

a pilgrimage



Discern...

ways to live more fully your apostolic vocation



Participate...

actively in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly the Eucharist



Pray...

all ways and always



Engage...

in charitable activity for Christ



Evangelize...

communicate your experience of faith
and charity



Top Five Social Media Tips

1. Be Active

2. Be Comfortable

3. Be Brief

4. Be Current

5. Be Spontaneous



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Reviving Faith • Rekindling Charity • Forming Apostles

Year of Faith Prayer

The Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



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