

RCIA ---Faith
Second Class

Play: Chants

Meditation: Cecil: Be Still and Know that I am God.

Hand out bulletins and explain the bulletins and how to read them.
Saints of the Day

Hand out bibles, talk about OT and NT.
How to find the index and
Let each student look up Gospel reading.
Have one of the team read the Gospel

Deacon: reflection.

Explain where we find the reading on faith, (students look up Hebrews)
Hebrews :11:1-12.
Today's lesson is about the gift of faith.
We all here are on our own special, unique journey.
We are all on a journey of faith.
Each one of us is on a different journey and we are all at different stages of our faith journey.

The gift of Faith is the knowledge that we all hold in our hearts and minds.
The gift of belief is when we are able to use this gift of faith.
Belief is a verb and Faith is a noun.

The gift of faith is freely given.
Scripture says:
We have been saved by believing in Jesus Christ, It is nothing we have done, -- its God's gift.
(Does anyone know where this came from)

Guest Speakers on Faith

Break

This will be a separate sheet we will hand out when we teach on mysteries of the church.
Handout a sheet about one of the mysteries of our faith,
The Incarnation.
We cannot explain it,
We just believe it because it is part of our Church's teaching.

Explain about the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Look on page 160 (Manual) and you will see a host of references for faith. Pick one or two and show them how to use the Catechism.

In our books we read the Story of Tommy and it outlines the three stages of faith.

Our Childhood-

Childish images of our faith, our birthright, our Culture -- we change from childish ways of believing to a more convictional way of belief, a personal faith.

Our Teen Years –

Questioning and rebelling and not believing

Adult Years --

We question, we ask, we search, and we open our hearts and minds to
Jesus God in the flesh,
Jesus and his teachings,
Jesus invitation to friendship.

Albert Schweitzer writes: read the passage in your book on page 6, Path Thru Catholicism, he realizes that as we act on our belief we come closer to God.

We use our

MIND Having an open mind.

We use our

HEART Being open to love

We use our

SOUL Being open to faith

It is

By faith, we believe in God,

By Hope, we cling to God,

By charity, we love God.

These are called the **three theological virtues**.

St. Augustine says that God is love and whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in him.

A story of faith, --- The flying cat

It is good to question our faith in God.

We must have a living faith, a faith that helps us to have a relationship with God and his Son.
Just like having a friend you must make an effort to keep the relationship open and loving and know what is happening in their lives.

**Faith involves risk,
Faith involves process and engagement
Faith involves uncertainty.**

Ways to obtain or increase faith (see 1 Tm 6:20)

- Ask the Holy Spirit for faith in prayer
- Participate devoutly and frequently with our Church community, Mass, sacraments.
- Read the Bible, catechism and the lives of the saints.

Closing Prayer : Read the Profession of Faith in our Missal books

Hand out for RCIA

No. 1

Mystery of our faith

The Incarnation

God has truly become one of us.

Jesus came to save us, reveal to us the depth of the Father's love and to show us how to be holy.
He enables us to partake in God's own nature.

The four reasons for the Incarnation

- The Son of God became man to reconcile us to God by dying for our sins (see Jn 3:16-17)
- The Son of God became man to show us the depth of God's love for us (See Rom 5:8)
- The Son of God became man to show us how to be holy (see Mt 11:29-30 and Jn 14:6)
- The Son of God became man so that we might become God's adopted children and participate in his own divine nature (see Gal 4:5-6 and 2 Pt 1:3-4)