

Year of Faith
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When the Lord Comes, Will He Find Faith on Earth?

As proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, the next 12 months has been declared a Year of Faith — a year providing an opportunity for Catholics to rediscover the rich heritage of our faith, to advance our conversion to the Lord Jesus so that we might be credible and joy-filled witnesses to the Risen Lord, living our faith by word and example in all circumstances and place.

During this Year of Faith, we will be provided with opportunities to strengthen our faith through a better understanding of our Creed, the elements of Christian life, and the many forms of prayer so that we might discover new ways to integrate more prayer into our daily routines. And then paramount to our renewal of faith, we will focus on the celebration of our faith in the liturgy of the Church, especially the Eucharist, the mystery of faith, the source and summit of our faith, where our faith is proclaimed and strengthened.

Since the beginning of his Pontificate, well aware of the challenges facing our faith today, Pope Benedict has felt driven by the question Jesus Himself raised: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” The Church’s Year of Faith will give us the opportunity to answer that question with a resounding “Yes Lord, with humility, you will find us full of faith, and joyful of your coming!”

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