

## #1 MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

### I BELIEVE

#### **25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself?**

Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

#### **27. What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God?**

It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Person, father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### **28. What are the characteristics of faith?**

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a human act that is, an act of the intellect of a person – prompted by the will moved by God – who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also certain because it is founded in the Word of God; it *works* “**through charity**” and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

#### **29. Why is there no contradiction between faith and science?**

Though faith is above reason, there can never be a contradiction between faith and science because both originate in God. It is God himself who gives to us the light both of reason and of faith.

**“I believe, in order to understand;  
and I understand, the better to believe”** ( Saint Augustine)

## #2 FATIMA

**Fatima** is a village in the very center of Portugal, about 70 miles north of Lisbon. Sunday, the Thirteenth of May in the year 1917, during the midst of the First World War, Mary, The Immaculate Heart appeared to three children named: Lucia, Hiacinta and Francisco. She asked these children for prayer. She said: **Fear not! I am from Heaven.**

Lucia humbly asked: **“What do You want of me?”** Mary answered her: **I come to ask you to come here for six consecutive months, on the thirteenth day at this same hour. I will tell you later who I am and what I want. And I shall return here again a seventh time**” Later Our Lady spoke to the children: *Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war.* Mary began then to elevate Herself. She disappeared in the immensity of space, still surrounded by a most brilliant light that seemed to open a path for Her through the myriad of galaxies of stars. Mary asked the children to pray on the

Rosary every day. Because we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of these appearance, I want to teach You to pray on the Rosary. Take the cross and make the Sign of the Cross. Offer your prayer as atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Pray that you give worthy reparation for our sins...

On the single "beads" we say The "Our Father" on these three "beads" say The "Hail Mary" 3 times and at the end of all beads together when there are three or ten together – at the end we say:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Now I am looking for one person whom we will call – **Francisco**.

I am looking for a boy who can say from heart '**Our Father**' now I am looking for two girls, who can say from heart '**Hail Mary**'

we will call them **Lucia** and second we will called **Hiacinta**.

Today I want to repeat to You Our Lady's petitions. Pray the Rosary every day! Offer it for the conversion of the sinners and give worthy reparation for our sins.

This devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was first introduced in Canada by Saint Francois De Laval, the Father of the Church in North America. The mother of the Church in Canada is St. Marie of the Incarnation,

This year we will celebrate 150 year of Canada's birth day.

You ought to know who is the Father and Mother of Canada.

But right now we will pray every day the Rosary!

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### WHY I BELIEVE?

*„I don't see You with my eyes,  
I don't hear You with my ears,  
but You are the light in my darkness  
and You are the sing of my soul" (Leopold Staff).*

Faith in love is true faith in a man. You believe your parents because only they care for you, only they really love you.

You are a dream of their dreams. Faith in a man saves as in a posture of love.

Any single man cannot repeat exercises from physics or chemistry, but he always trusts the experience of others, who made these exercises. He trusts other scientists, believing them.

Young people when they trust themselves and understand themselves that together it will be easier for them in their life, and thus give birth to their friendship. Real and sincere love connects friends. They believe in themselves...

Faith is the compass of difficult days. We believe in the victory of justice over evil. Faith helps us to save internal freedom and dignity in the time of suffering.

Faith obligates us to accept as the truth something, which is not clear for the mind, but it presents itself to the mind as trustworthy. Believing the teacher, you believe in something that you did not know, but successfully you will know and it becomes clear to you.

Religious faith is acceptance of something, which for the mind is not evident but is trustworthy.

Religious faith begins there, where human knowledge ends.

A believer not only believes in the existence of God but he trusts himself to Him as someone really existing. Faith is the act of a whole person, a whole man. It is the act of a mind, a will and

feelings. Faith is the will to accomplish the fullness of humanity in love of God as the Father and in love of others as our brothers.

„Faith is to believe what you do not see;  
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe”.(St. Augustin)

„To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.  
To one without faith, no explanation is possible” (Thomas Aquinas).

## **WE ARE UNITED WITH JESUS CHRIST**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ. We are baptized.

Jesus recommends us to teach and to baptize. He said to His disciples.

**„Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” Mt. 28.19-20**

Jesus Christ- God and man in one Person, commands his disciples to teach people about God, who is our Father in heaven. Those people who believe in one God and will become His disciple. Christ recommends us to baptize them. Through Baptism we are united with Christ and we become Christians. Our parents who loves us, they took us to the temple and they asked of baptism for us, because they love us and wish us the best. From baptism we are united with Christ. We belong to the great God's family; to the Community of the Church. We are children of God. When we make the sign of Cross, we profess, that we are Christians.

Now together: Make the sign of Cross.

What I profess making the sign of Cross?

**Making the sign of Cross we profess, that we are Christians.**

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS. Nov. 01,

God is our Father. We are children of God, who is holy.

Holy means above all, He is perfect. There from all others persons. He desires that we become holy. Jesus commanded us to pray, “**Hallowed by thy name**”. In the first letter of St. John the apostle, we read: “**See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope based on Him makes himself holy, as He is holy**”.

The church often reminds us about our vocation to holiness, especially in the Solemnity of all Saints. At this day we praise those, who are united with God and are living in eternal happiness. We call Saints those people who live on the earth in friendship with God; they loved Him above all and fulfilled His will. All baptized people belong to the Church, and are call to holiness. Jesus unites us with Himself through sacrament and through faith. He transforms us by His grace and calls us to respect the Law of Love. We are holy from our vocation. We are united with the Saints in the heaven following there example and asking them for their help in our way to the holiness.

**Holy men and women,  
blessed of the ages, pray, O pray for us.**

### LITANY OF THE CANADIAN SAINTS & BLESSED

Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Jan. 01, **Holy Mary, Mother of God** R. **Pray for us.**  
Sept.29, **Saint Michael**  
Oct.02, **Holy Angels of God**  
June 24, **Saint John the Baptist**  
March 19, or May 01, **Saint Joseph**  
June 29, **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

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1. Jan. 06, Saint Andre Bessette R. **Pray for us**
2. Jan.12, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoy
3. April 17, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
4. April 18, Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin
5. April 30, Saint Marie of the Incarnation
6. May 04, Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis
7. **May 06, Saint Francois de Montmorency Laval**
8. May 08, Blessed Catherine of St. Augustyn
9. May 24, Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau R. **Pray for us**
10. June 27, Blessed Nykyta Budka,
11. June 27, Blessed Vasyl Velychkowski
12. Aug.05, Blessed Frederic Janssoone
13. Aug. 17, Blessed Marie-Elisabeth Turgeon

- 14. Sept.02, Blessed Andre' Grasset
- 15. Sept. 04, Blessed Dina Belanger
- 16. Sep.24, Blessed Emilie Travernier-Gamelin
- 17. Sept.26, Saint Jean de Brebeuf
- 18. Sept.26, Saint Isaac Jogues **R. Pray for us**
- 19. Sept.26, Saint Noel Chabanel
- 20. Sept. 26, Saint Anthony Daniel
- 21. Sept. 26, Saint Charles Garnier
- 22. Sept. 26, Saint Gabriel Lalemant
- 23. Sept. 26, Saint Rene Goupil
- 24. Sept. 26, Saint Jean de Lalande
- 25. Oct.06, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher,
- 26. Oct.07, Saint Marguerite d'Youville

Jesus, Son of the living God- *Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.*

Christ, hear us – *Christ, hear us.*

Christ, graciously hear us - *Christ, graciously hear us.*

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### **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (Nov. 02,)**

The day after the Solemnity of All Saints, the second of November, we pray for those who are departed, but still are waiting for their heavenly happiness, because they still are making penance for their sins. We speak that they are being cleansed from their sins in Purgatory. They cannot help them-selves but we can support them and help them through our prayer, our good deeds from faith, and especially to dedicate for them the mass. The celebration of the Mass, which represents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ. We pray for all who in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will join in heavenly glory. The second of November Christians around the world are visiting cemetery, light candles on the graves. We bear the lighted candle like a sign – Christ the Light and we ask God –

*May perpetual light shine upon our departed waiting for the common resurrection, on the last day.*

1. Let us pray for the departed popes, bishops, priests, deacons, brothers and sisters in order and for all consecrated persons.
2. Let us pray for our parents and ancestors...
3. Let us pray for our brothers, sisters, children, spouses, relatives, godparents, teachers and benefactors?
4. Let us pray for the departed whose graves are in our

cemeteries or anywhere in the world, and specially for the soldiers, who gave their life for yours and our freedom...  
5. Let us pray for all departed, whose faith only God knew and the Church as a Mother, remembers them in prayer.

**Our Father...**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,-  
**and let perpetual light shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace – **Amen.**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**Nov. 02**, for Catholics is, like Remembrance Day for Canadians **Nov.11**,