

My Own Journey of Faith

This is a time for you to:

- make an examination of your own Christian faith;
- renew your understanding of the lifelong nature of a baptismal commitment;
- clarify your motivations in requesting baptism for your child.

1. If someone asked if you are a Christian, what would you say?

- What would you say makes someone a Christian?
- What does a Christian believe?
- Should Christians be recognizably different?
- In what ways?
- What do you believe in terms of religious belief?

2. Reflect upon the significance of your own baptism.

- What name were you given at baptism?
- What meaning has it had for your own life?
- At baptism you received the power to believe in Jesus, to trust him, and to turn to him in love ... who has helped nourish these gifts within you?
- How did you get to this present moment of faith?
- What has been your own personal faith-experience?
- What has been your visible practice of faith?
- "Do I like where I am? Do I want to change in any way?"

If you were to be tried by a human court, would there be enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian?

Do you have a “Living Faith”:

A living, personal, conscious knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?

*A faith that affects by way you live;
A faith that is a living relationship with the person of Jesus;
A faith that knows and lives him?*

What does the “living faith” look like?

It is an openness to hearing the good news Jesus proclaimed about the Kingdom of God.
It is a desire to receive new life by belonging to this Kingdom.
It is receiving the light of faith which opens our spiritual eyes to God’s plan for us.
It is responding to this plan with repentance and conversion.

It is to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
It is to believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus who is the source of our new life.
It is yield to the power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to live this new life.

It is nourishing the new life by worshipping Christ with those who are openly his disciples [the Church] and celebrating his risen presence in our lives [the Word and Sacraments].

It is to live accordingly by imitating the love of Christ and yielding to the truth.

**If not,
all you have to do is to truly want it
more than anything else in life,
and ask Jesus for it!**