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The Mystery of FAITH: An Introduction to Catholicism

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Trinity

1. How has your understanding of the Trinity made a difference in your faith?
2. What does it mean to say “God is love”? When have you experienced God as love?
3. What does the Trinity have to do with love of neighbor?

Grace

1. Grace is the “love of God outside the Trinity.” What does this mean?
2. If grace is present everywhere, what makes the Church and sacraments sacred?
3. How can you increase your awareness of grace? How is the work you do sacred?

Incarnation

1. “The glory of God is humanity fully alive.” What does this mean? When are *you* fully alive?
2. How does a true belief in the Incarnation, in the awesome dignity of humanity, change the world? How does this understanding affect your life?
3. If God were to come again today, what form do you think God would take?

Salvation

1. When have you witnessed evil separating people?
2. What does it mean to be saved? How does the cross save us?
3. How do we embrace salvation?

Church

1. What does the word *church* mean to you? How is the Church about inclusion rather than exclusion?
2. What person was the most significant in bringing the Good News to you? To whom have you brought the Good News?
3. We love God by loving our neighbor. Have you ever felt tempted to love God and bypass loving your neighbor? When?

Baptism

1. In the early Church, Baptism often meant rejection in the secular, pagan world. Has your Baptism ever put you at odds with your culture?
2. Baptism is not a once-and-for-all experience. Have you ever had an experience where you felt your baptismal commitment was deepened?
3. What does it mean to believe in a God that is not you? What does it mean to believe in your own holiness and goodness?

Eucharist

1. What is a covenant? How is the Eucharist the new covenant?
2. What does “Real Presence” mean? Do you feel that you and God have a covenant together?
3. How does the Eucharist point to the holiness of everything? What does that mean in terms of your commitment to creation? To one another?

Sacraments of Vocation

1. What does it mean that we are all called to ministry?
2. What does that mean practically in your life?
3. “God never asks us not to be joyful.” What do you think of this statement?
4. How are you giving your life away?

Reconciliation

1. Why do we need a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?
2. How is the Sacrament of Reconciliation more about God than it is about us?
3. What is your attitude toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Tradition

1. People of faith never stop growing in their understanding of God. How has your image of God changed? How has that realization changed your life?
2. Tradition depends upon the communion of saints. What insights from the past are especially important today?
3. Why is tradition a gift, and traditionalism a heresy?