

FAITH

<p>1 Faith is that supernatural virtue by which, through the help of God and through the assistance of His grace, we believe what He has revealed to be true, not on account of the intrinsic truth perceived by the natural light of reason, but because of the authority of God Himself, the Revealer, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.</p> <p><i>Vatican I</i></p>	<p>2 Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God.</p> <p>At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed.</p> <p><i>CCC 150</i></p>	<p>3 Even in human relations it is not contrary to our dignity to believe what other persons tell us about themselves and their intentions, or to trust their promises (for example, when a man and a woman marry) to share a communion of life with one another.</p> <p>If this is so, still less is it contrary to our dignity to "yield by faith the full submission of... intellect and will to God who reveals", and to share in an inferior communion with him.</p> <p><i>CCC 154 (quoting Vatican II)</i></p>	<p>4 I long to understand in some degree thy truth, which my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe, that unless I believed, I should not understand.</p> <p><i>St. Anselm</i></p>	<p>5 Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.</p> <p><i>John Paul II</i></p>	<p>6 <i>It is not true that progress, but ignorance, in knowledge extinguishes the faith. The more ignorance prevails, the greater is the havoc wrought by incredulity.</i></p> <p><i>St. Pius X</i></p>	<p>7 <i>So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."</i></p> <p>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"</p> <p><i>Matthew 14:29-31</i></p>	<p>8 IT WAS MARY'S FAITH THAT OPENED HEAVEN TO MEN WHEN SHE AGREED TO COOPERATE IN THE INCARNATION OF THE ETERNAL WORD.</p> <p><i>St. Augustine</i></p>
<p>9 HOW HUMBLY AND SIMPLY THE EVANGELISTS RELATE INCIDENTS THAT SHOW UP THE WEAK AND WAVERING FAITH OF THE APOSTLES! THIS IS TO KEEP YOU AND ME FROM GIVING UP THE HOPE OF SOME DAY ACHIEVING THE STRONG AND UNSHAKEABLE FAITH THE SAME APOSTLES HAD LATER.</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p>10 If we were able to know by ourselves perfectly all things, visible and invisible, it would be foolish for us to believe what we do not see. But our knowledge is so imperfect that no philosopher has ever been able to discover perfectly the nature of a single fly ... If our intelligence is so weak, is it not foolish to be willing to believe about God only what we are able to find out by ourselves alone? ... We should believe what is of faith even more than the things that we see, since man's sight may be deceived, whereas God's knowledge is never at fault.</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>11 <i>The eyes of the world see no further than this life, as mine see no further than this wall when the church door is shut. The eyes of the Christian see deep into eternity.</i></p> <p><i>St. John Vianney</i></p>	<p>12 The moment I realized that God existed, I knew that I could not do otherwise than to live for Him alone. ... Faith strips the mask from the world and reveals God in everything. It makes nothing impossible and renders meaningless such words as anxiety, danger, and fear, so that the believer goes through life calmly and peacefully, with profound joy—like a child hand in hand with his mother.</p> <p><i>Ven. Charles de Foucauld</i></p>	<p>13 The truth of faith includes not only inward belief, but also outward profession, which is expressed not only by words, whereby one confesses the faith, but also by deeds, whereby a person shows that he has the faith, according to James 2:18, "I will show thee, by works, my faith."</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>14 CHRIST LAYS DOWN ONE CONDITION: WE MUST LIVE BY FAITH; THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE MOUNTAINS. AND SO MANY THINGS NEED MOVING ... IN THE WORLD, BUT, FIRST OF ALL IN OUR OWN HEARTS.</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria Escriva</i></p>	<p>15 Between knowledge through science and knowledge through faith there is this difference: science shines only in the mind, showing that God is the cause of everything, that He is one and wise, and so forth. Faith enlightens the mind and also warms the affections, telling us not merely that God is first cause, but also that he is Savior, Redeemer, loving, made flesh for us.</p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>16 Faith is readiness to die for Christ's sake, for his commandments, in the conviction that such death brings life; it is to regard poverty as riches, insignificance and nothingness as true fame and glory and, having nothing, to be sure you possess all things. But above all, faith is attainment of the invisible treasure of the knowledge of Christ.</p> <p><i>St. Simeon the NewTheologian</i></p>

<p>17</p> <p><i>“All things are possible for him who believes.”</i></p> <p>The words are Christ’s. How is it that you don’t say to him with the apostles: “Increase my faith!”</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>We should submit our reason to the truths of faith with the humility and simplicity of a child.</p> <p><i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.</i></p> <p><i>Heb 11:1</i></p> <p>What is faith, except to believe what you do not see? . . . The reward of this faith is to see what we believe.</p> <p><i>St. Augustine</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”</p> <p><i>Matthew 17:19-21</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>For by grace you have been saved by faith: and this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God – not because of works. lest any man should boast.</i></p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:8-9</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>For through the Spirit, by faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love.</p> <p><i>Galatians 5:5-6</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Let us be generous, remembering always that the salvation of many souls is entrusted to our charity. We can do nothing of ourselves, for we are poor and miserable, but if we have faith and trust in him who comforts us, then we can do all things. Let us open wide our hearts ...</p> <p><i>St. Francis Cabrini</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards a man’s progress, nor the nature of the task, but the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.</p> <p><i>St. Francis Xavier</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p>Faith is necessary; for if faith had not assured us of it, who could ever believe what God has actually done for us? . . . Unless a person had the infallible assurance of faith, could he ever believe that Jesus, born in a stable, is the God adored by the angels in heaven?</p> <p><i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>As branches dry up without the virtue of the root, so works – to whatever degree they may seem good – are nothing if they are disjoined from the solidity of the faith.</p> <p><i>St. Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>FAITH IS A DIVINE AND CELESTIAL LIGHT, A PARTICIPATION IN THE ETERNAL, INACCESSIBLE LIGHT, A BEAM RADIATING FROM THE FACE OF GOD.</p> <p><i>St. John Eudes</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO ONE IS A MARTYR FOR A CONCLUSION, NO ONE IS A MARTYR FOR AN OPINION; IT IS FAITH THAT MAKES MARTYRS.</p> <p><i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>Poor human reason when it trusts in itself substitutes the strangest absurdities for the highest divine concepts.</p> <p><i>St. John Chrysostom</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future.</p> <p><i>St. Fidelis</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>How glorious our Faith is! Rather than restricting hearts, as the world prefers, it uplifts them and increases their capacity to love.</p> <p><i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i></p>	<p>Holy Mary, Mystical Rose, Pray For Us</p> <p>There is no rose of such virtue, As is the rose that bear Jesu: Alleluia.</p>