

The Year of Faith

' *The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church.. . . . . To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism, through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life . . . .***'**

Pope Benedict XVI,
Apostolic Letter, Porta Fidei,
for the Indiction of the Year of Faith

CONCEPT OF THE LOGO

The logo is composed of a square, bordered field on which a boat, symbolizing the Church, is represented as sailing through the waves towards its destination. The main mast of the boat is the cross from which sails hang, to propel the boat forward with the wind of the Spirit, and in which we see the monogram of Christ, IHS, (from the Latin "**I**esus **H**ominum **S**alvator"), meaning "Jesus, Saviour of men". The background to the sails is the sun which, with the monogram now inscribed on it, reminds us also of the Eucharist, in which Jesus is truly present, and which sustains us on our journey.

What is the Year of Faith?

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The Year of Faith is thus an opportunity for Catholics to experience ***conversion***, a turning back to Christ, and so to enter into a deeper relationship with Him. The "door of faith" is opened first at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, to walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and His Church.

Pope reflects on Fifty Years since Vatican II

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Pope inaugurates The Year of Faith
and invites a rediscovery of the Second Vatican Council

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Cardinal Rouco Varela:

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