

## Six Reasons to Think About Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith

### ***#1 We have more to learn about God's love for us in Jesus***

We think that we've come to know Jesus Christ, but if we are honest, many of us would have to admit that our knowledge of Jesus is pretty undeveloped. We heard stories about Jesus when we were kids. . . maybe we prayed personally. . . but we've never put Jesus in the center of our lives, we've never personally committed ourselves to him.

Yet we know when people put Jesus at the center of their lives, they can find a happiness and joy that seem to have eluded them.



### ***#2 We have families***

We see our children grow and we wonder what values we will pass on to them. We wish the world for them; we would do anything to secure their lives. But we don't always think about faith as one of the greatest resources to give to the life of a child, a resource that can become an abiding part of their lives.

### ***#3 We feel a need to pray***

No matter who we are, no matter how many resources we have, we still have times of desperate need in our lives. Times when we cannot figure out our next steps, times when we feel stressed beyond belief, times when we feel there is no way out.

Such times bring us to prayer. But we feel sheepish praying because we only turn to God when we are in great need. Shouldn't we be turning to God all the time? Is not God there for us all the time? Who knows, maybe our lives would not get into such straits if we did pray and worship more regularly?

### ***#4 We cannot find the peace we want***

Let's face it, all of us can really mess life up, particularly with the pettiness of our sins and the way we have betrayed important relationships. We all feel a need for some kind of reconciliation, some kind of peace, but we just cannot fix things by ourselves.

Yet God offers us exactly this kind of peace. By opening our hearts and confessing our sins, we lay ourselves open to the special love of God, and find healing that we cannot find anywhere else.

### ***#5 We are hungry for real contact with God***

Sometimes we just need to touch and feel something. We have to get out of our heads. We want to take something inside us and feel its presence, its power.

This is what Mass is about, Holy Communion, the Eucharist—God being there for us, for the taking, for the receiving. Yes, we do need more than words. We need the body of Christ.



### ***#6 We need assurance***

Who knows the ultimate meaning of life? We have hints, of course, but how do we know—why we came into being, what our purpose is, what our destiny will be? We suppress these thoughts, but they keep returning.

That's why we have God's Word, why Jesus came, why Jesus sends his Holy Spirit on us, why we believe.

It's all there for us.

Why are we waiting?