

Your Space



” *Contemplata aliis tradere.* (To contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation.)
Motto of the Dominican Order

? CONTEMPLATION
(from Latin *contemplare* = becoming absorbed in God’s presence in prayer. *Contemplation* (the interior, spiritual life) and *action* (the active life) are two sides of devotion to God. In Christianity the two belong inseparably together.



You need to know what you believe. You need to know your faith with that same precision an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination. You need God’s help if your faith is not going to dry up like a dewdrop in the sun, if you want to resist the blandishments of consumerism, if your love is not to drown in pornography, if you are not going to betray the weak and leave the vulnerable helpless.

(from letter from Pope Benedict XVI – forward to YOUCAT pg10)

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Steer the ship of my life good Lord to your quiet harbour...


(from prayer of Saint Basil of Caesarea)

3 Why do we seek God?

God has placed in our hearts a longing to seek and find him. St. Augustine says, “You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” We call this longing for God → RELIGION. [27–30]

It is natural for man to seek God. All of our striving for truth and happiness is ultimately a search for the one

who supports us *absolutely*, satisfies us *absolutely*, and employs us *absolutely* in his service. A person is not completely himself until he has found God. “Anyone who seeks truth seeks God, whether or not he realizes it” (St. Edith Stein). → 5, 281–285

 They [men] should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being.”
Acts 17:27–28a

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