Year of Faith Logo:
“The boat is the sign of the Church, and you can see this is a moment of movement,” he explained, “we also have the cross, and the cross is the sign of love, it's the sign of our faith. And together with the cross there is the sign of the Eucharist, and the Eucharist for us is at the center of our lives, it is the center of the life of faith.”

YEAR OF FAITH - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Year of Faith?
At certain times in the history of the Church, popes have called upon the faithful to dedicate themselves to deepening their understanding of a particular aspect of the faith. In 1967, Pope Paul VI announced a Year of Faith commemorating the 19th centenary of the martyrdom of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The upcoming Year of Faith, declared by Pope Benedict XVI, is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Saviour of the world”. In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him.

2. Why is the Year of Faith this year?
Pope Benedict XVI declared that the Year of Faith will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

3. How does the Year of Faith affect the average Catholic?
Every baptized Catholic is called through baptism to be a disciple of Christ and proclaim the Gospel. The Year of Faith is an opportunity for each and every Catholic to renew their baptismal call by living out the everyday moments of their lives with faith, hope and love. This everyday witness is necessary for proclaiming the Gospel to family, friends, neighbours and society. In order to witness to the Gospel, Catholics can be strengthened through celebrating weekly Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.