



## WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?



**#24: WHAT DOES MY FAITH HAVE TO DO WITH THE CHURCH?** We receive the faith from the Church and live it out in fellowship with the people with whom we share our faith. Faith is the most personal thing a person has, yet it is not a private matter. The faith of others supports me, just as the fervor of my faith enkindles and strengthens others.

**#279: WHY DO WE NEED FAITH AND THE SACRAMENTS IN ORDER TO LIVE A GOOD, UPRIGHT LIFE?** When God gives us his strength, we call this "grace". Especially in the sacred signs that we call the Sacraments, God gives us the ability actually to do the good that we want to do.

**#343: HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP US TO LEAD A GOOD, RESPONSIBLE LIFE?** the Church we are baptized and we receive the faith that the Church has preserved intact down through the centuries. In the Church we hear the living Word of God and learn how we must live if we want to please God. Through the sacraments, the Church strengthens us.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### SAINT PHILOMENA

Diocletian had her beaten and scourged severely and thrown into a dungeon. There she saw the Blessed Mother, who told her to persevere, and soon she would be with Christ. He then put her in front of a firing squad, where the arrows reportedly bounced off of her and killed the shooters. Diocletian was furious and sent her to a river on a ship to walk the plank with an anchor tied to each ankle. Angels carried her to the shore safely. Finally, he had her beheaded. She gave her life for Christ and the Church like so many other thousands of saints in history.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

**I WILL WORK WONDERS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW: BLOOD, FIRE, AND A CLOUD OF SMOKE. THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED TO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON TO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND SPLENDID DAY OF THE LORD, AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE SHALL BE SAVED WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.' - ACTS 2: 1-23**

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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