



HOW CAN I BE FRIENDS WITH GOD IF I CAN'T SEE OR HEAR HIM?



#22 HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT BELIEVING? Someone who believes is seeking a personal union with God and is ready to believe God in everything that he shows (reveals) about himself.

#21 FAITH - WHAT IS IT? Faith is knowledge and trust. Many people say that to believe is not enough for them; they want to know. The word "believe" has two completely different meanings. If a parachutist asks the clerk at the airport, "Is the parachute packed safely?" and the other man answers casually, "Hmm, I believe so", then that will not be enough for him; he would like to know it for sure. But if he has asked a friend to pack the parachute, then the friend will answer the same question by saying, "Yes, I did it personally. You can trust me!" And to that the parachutist will reply, "Yes, I believe you." This belief is much more than knowing; it means assurance.

#478 WHY CAN WE BE CONFIDENT THAT OUR PRAYER IS HEARD BY GOD? Many people called on Jesus during his earthly life for healing, and their prayers were answered. Jesus listens to our petitions and brings them to the Father. Jesus performed signs and miracles. The lame, the lepers, and the blind did not ask Jesus in vain. There are testimonies also of prayers answered by all the saints of the Church. Many Christians can tell stories of how they called to God and God heard their prayer. We must leave it up to God how he will answer our petitions.

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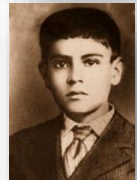
ATILIO GIORDANI

Atilio Giordani was an example of a man of great faith in God who found his strength in prayer. He showed other people that he believed God listened and acted in his life by his own actions. Becoming a volunteer and moving his whole family across the ocean shows his great trust in God.



BLESSED JOSE SANCHEZ

Blessed Jose was one of many martyrs who had a firm belief in God and held strong even in the midst of persecution. He had no doubt that God saw and heard his every action and prayer. He would not deny his friend, Jesus and it cost him his life. His was heroically faithful.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

JESUS SAID "IF YOU KNOW ME, THEN YOU WILL ALSO KNOW MY FATHER. FROM NOW ON YOU DO KNOW HIM AND HAVE SEEN HIM."- JOHN 14:7-14

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: