



## POPE FRANCIS AND THE YEAR OF FAITH

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The Holy Father Francis spoke also about the Year of Faith in the Meeting with representatives of the Churches and Ecclesial Communities, and other religions. The following is an excerpt from his speech.

"[...]I begin my apostolic ministry," he continued, "in this year that my venerated predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, with a truly inspired intuition, proclaimed the Year of Faith for the Catholic Church. With this initiative, which I wish to continue and which I hope serves as a stimulus for each of us in our journey of faith, he wanted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, proposing a type of pilgrimage to what is essential for every Christian: a personal and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died and rose again for our salvation. The heart of the Council's message lies precisely in the desire to proclaim this ever-valid treasure of the faith to the persons of our time.[...]"

(Pope Francis, *Audience with representatives of Churches and Ecclesial Communities and of other Religions* , wednesday, 20 march 2013).