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# “I believe because of Jesus Christ”

In this video, St. Josemaría explains the deepest reason for faith.

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*Father, I have a friend with whom I've often spoken about going to church and receiving the sacraments, and he always, without fail, responds that he doesn't believe in priests, with or without a collar.*

Tell him I don't believe in priests either. I venerate the Roman Pontiff

and I love him. I venerate all the bishops and priests of the world, but I do not believe because of them, any of them.

Not for all the popes, nor all the bishops, nor all the cardinals, nor all the pastors and associate pastors. No, not even for the sacristans.

That is not why I believe. I believe *per Dominum Nostrum Iesum Christum*: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to Earth to give us the saving doctrine, which is what the Church holds in trust, what the Church now preaches after 2,000 years, and what it will still preach in 2,000 years without being able to change it.

Will you tell him this, my son? And tell him that I am not angry. That in fact, tomorrow I will pray for him at Holy Mass.

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