

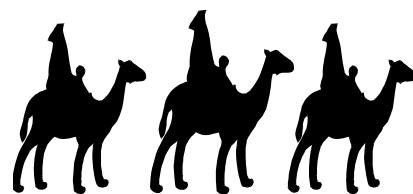
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*Merry
Christmas!*



*Happy New
Year!*



Faith is a gift from God, but the gift must be opened to be appreciated and understood.

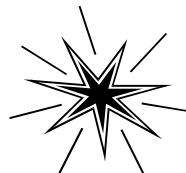
Be a Gift to Others

By Carol Rummel

The greatest gift we have been given is the gift of faith. You may think that you acquired your faith from schooling, parents, attending Mass, or countless other places. But, the fact remains it was a gift from God. Have you ever wondered why some people seem to have an abundance of faith no matter what happens, while others struggle even with the everyday turmoil of life.

Think about the wise men who traveled so far following a star on their faith alone. They brought gifts to the child. Gifts they thought were valuable and fitting a King. But, the gift of their faith has been a testament to last through time.

Faith **is** a gift. That doesn't mean that you can't increase it with prayer, study, and sharing. The Diocese program, Why Catholic, is doing just that for



many of its participants. By sharing our faith with the others in the group, we acknowledge His presence in the group and accept the love of

others. Faith is not like other items we may possess. When we have a cookie and share that cookie with a friend, we have less cookie for ourselves. Unlike the cookie, our faith multiplies the more we share it with others. It's like the warm rays of the sun that spread across a field until every grain of wheat is warmed and shining. It is like the smile we give to a stranger that is turned back toward us with gratitude and kindness.

At this Holy time of year, many people are trying to decide on a gift for a loved one or dear friend. What better gift to share than the gift of God's love by sharing your faith with a friend. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving.



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*Angels looked in wonder the night that He was born,
for God's own Son left heaven and took on human form.
His mission was redemption,
it was the Father's plan, that through this perfect sacrifice
He'd bring back fallen man.
Yes, the coming of the Christ child
was the Father's perfect way
to give to us the gift of love that's ours this Christmas day.*

by Roy Lesson

