

**Year of Faith**  
**Liturgical Minute No. 7**  
**God's Self-Revelation**

Faith is a gift of God, and it has three dimensions. First, faith lights up our minds so that we know the truth about God. Second, faith brings about a relationship with God we could never otherwise have. And third, faith propels us forward into eternal life that begins even now.

Faith reveals the truth about God, not as the answer to a philosophical riddle, but instead, faith reveals God as our friend. Friendships involve self-disclosure. So when God gives the gift of faith, he tells us something personal about himself – he tells us about his love as Father, Son, and Spirit. He tells us that he made everything, not out of need, but out of a desire to share his own life.

God also tells us about our sins that separate us from his love, and about his Son who saves us from our sins. He tells us about his plans and dreams for us, realized in Jesus. And through scripture and the Church, he communicates treasures beyond the range of human or angelic minds.

Major Source: Father John Dominic Corbett, O.P., "The Nature of Faith," Magnificat Year of Faith Companion.