

**Year of Faith**  
**Liturgical Minute No. 35**  
**Standing Firm in Our Faith**

Standing firm in our faith means staking out a claim of what we believe to be true and then **resisting counter-claims** and challenges to such beliefs. Standing firm in our faith means resisting the daily **wear and tear** that time imposes on our faith if we do not live our faith every hour of every day.

Standing firm in our faith means resisting the spiritual attacks of a **material world** that pull us away to value the world itself rather than he who created the world. Standing firm in our faith means that we **practice** our faith daily so that spiritual disorder does not creep in to erase moral boundaries and blur our vision to the truth.

Standing firm in our faith means **speaking out** for our faith, because a faith that will not speak is a faith that is losing ground in a journey to which we once surrendered in joy. A firm belief is grounded in its continuous renewal in the **strength** and **power** of the Crucified Christ.

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