

RCIA Corner

Are Catholics Christians Too?

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It was while working, raising a family, and serving as a teacher and elder in our Presbyterian church that I developed a friendship with a work colleague named Pat. It surprised me to discover that Pat was Catholic, since he was a serious and knowledgeable Christian. Up to that point in my life, I had a stereotypical view of Catholics. Attending Bible studies and sharing one's faith as he did was not part of that view. Pat and I shared similar Christian values. He was strongly pro-life and known for his Christian faith within the company.



It made me think. I always considered that any Catholic who had a real biblical faith would ultimately leave the Catholic Church for a "sound Bible church." My friend Pat didn't fit into that scheme. I knew that some Catholics had a real Christian faith but believed that many just went through repetitive and sterile religious motions. Pat's life and witness made me question my shallow and prejudicial view of Catholics.

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Reflection Questions

1. Do you think it's possible for Catholics to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus?
2. What do you think it is about Catholicism that makes some outside the Church think that it's not authentically Christian?
3. What are some of the stereotypes about Catholics that you've held?

"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless."

-St. Pope John Paul II

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