

Relationship between 'Year of Faith' and 'Year of Grace'

Aspect	Year of Grace	Year of Faith
Source	Initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Australia	Initiative of Pope Benedict XVI
Timeframe	Pentecost 2012 –Pentecost 2013	11 October 2012 – 24 November 2013
Primary Document	Apostolic Letter "At the Beginning of the New Millennium" (<i>Novo Millennio Ineunte</i>)	Apostolic Letter "Door of Faith" (<i>Porta Fidei</i>) Documents of Vatican II Catechism of the Catholic Church
Theme	'Contemplate the Face of Christ'	'The Door of Faith is always open for us'
Purpose	Seeking new grace/directions for the future in the face of three major forces at work in Australia: -institutional diminishment of church -effects of secularism	Seeking a renewed sense of faith in the face of a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people. Celebrating and receiving the gift of Vatican II in the Church. Focus on new evangelisation and mission.
Methodology	Undertake a spiritual journey of encountering Christ through: -prayer -reflection on God's Word -liturgies -listening to the Spirit	Renewal of faith is achieved through: -witness of faith -make a public credo -learn and pray the creed -study the Catholic Catechism -retrace the history of faith - study documents Vatican II
Links to other graces/events	Recognise graces of: -World Youth Day in Sydney -Canonisation of Mary MacKillop -50 th anniversary of Vatican II	-50 th anniversary of opening of Vatican II -20 th anniversary of the Catechism -Theme of the Synod of Bishops in October 2012 "The New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Faith" -'Year of Faith' held in 1967 to mark 1900 years of the witness of Peter and Paul.
Some Points:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - both of these initiatives were developed independently of each other - both initiatives are seeking personal and communal renewal, the pathways have differing emphases -There is clearly overlap and elements of both will be celebrated as determined by local bishops and the energies of local communities. 		