

*What We Believe... Why We Believe It*

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## Reasons to Visit...

If you've never visited [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com), I'm devoting this insert to giving you reasons why you should. But first I'd like to make a statement about the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church is more pure than a freshly fallen snow. No matter what you read or hear about the scandals surrounding the Church, you must recognize that the Church herself is pure and without sin. Why? Because Jesus Christ founded the Church to take His place on earth in order to communicate to we humans His salvific grace that He won for us on the cross. Because she takes His place in our earthly lives, she is a living entity. For anything to live it must have a soul. The Soul of the Church is the Holy Spirit, thus making her holy—perfect. I believe this truth, and all the truths of the Catholic faith, and so should you.

That being said, the men who run the Church are not guaranteed to be without sin. Because they are men, they commit sin just like you and me. Most commit sins that don't have any effect on the rest of us, but some commit sins that are a betrayal of the entire Church Militant. That should not surprise us, though. We need to remember that Jesus handpicked Judas, yet he gave Jesus up to be crucified. That's a pretty big betrayal; one that pales in comparison to the betrayals we hear about today. But what does any of this have to do with visiting [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com)?

I realize that we reach thousands of souls each week through this bulletin insert, but the site analytics don't show those same thousands visiting the site. I'd be a fool to expect that to be a reality, so I don't expect it. (I like to think I'm not a fool anyway.) But there are plenty of reasons why you need to start visiting the site. Let me preach on it!

After Vatican II ended in 1965, we expected about 20 years of confusion. Historically, that has always been the case after an ecumenical council. It didn't happen that way this time, though. At this writing, we're 53 years past Vatican II and things are more chaotic than ever. Thanks to the Neo-Modernists who infiltrated diocesan chanceries, the Catholic laity have been robbed of a workable knowledge of our holy and ancient faith (with the exception of certain lay leaders across the country, I honestly don't know a single Sunday Mass attending Catholic who has a working knowledge of the faith), the heresy of moral relativism that the Neo-Modernists introduced into Catholic thought has infected practically all Catholics, and, being American, we have a tendency to rebel.

Rebellion isn't an evil thing, provided we rebel against bad things to take a stand for good things. Thanks to moral relativism, we rebel against the good things the Church proclaims as immutable truth and take a stand for the bad things the Church condemns. Also thanks to moral

relativism, we pick and choose what to believe and what not to believe, thus becoming Cafeteria Catholics. Consequently, in order to have a much greater chance of going to heaven, keep a corrupt hierarchy<sup>1</sup> from fooling us again, influence the bishops and priests who seem passive to become zealous for the faith, and help others to discover the truths of Catholicism, we *must* learn our faith well. And that leads to why you should visit [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com).

First, under the Catholic FAQ page of [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com), there are over 100 posts on just about every single Catholic topic you can imagine, with more coming all the time. They're there in case you have a question. And if you have a question you can't find an answer to, all you have to do is go to the Ask Joe page to ask me directly. I usually respond within 48 hours.

If you look on the right hand side of any page on the website, you'll see a form that says, "Let Joe Sixpack Teach You Things About the Catholic Church You Never Knew!" If you'll sign up by putting your first name and a valid email into that form, you'll automatically begin to receive lessons about the faith in your email inbox every three days. Each lesson is interesting, packed with things you currently don't know, and (best of all) it's free. If I had a dollar for all the emails I've received in praise of this course and people telling me how much they're learning, I wouldn't have to earn a living.

There is another benefit to signing up for this free email course. You'll begin to get exclusive invitations to webinars I host online. They're live in real time, so you'll be able to ask me any Catholic question you want. In fact, no matter what I'm teaching, I always allow for a Q&A period.

What do I teach in these webinars? Well, I've got a 25 presentation course called *Sharing the Catholic Faith*, which is a course on the basics of the faith. Don't think you don't need it, because you do. Attendees have attested that attending this course is like attending a Catholic university, so you really shouldn't think you already know it all. I promise you that you don't. Furthermore, if you're expecting to try out my webinars and get bored to death, you'll be in for a real shock. People have told me the hour I spend teaching seems more like 15 minutes to them. You see, I think Catholicism is the most exciting lived experience there is, so I keep the presentations exciting. In 30 years of teaching this material, I've never had anyone yawn or get that thousand yard stare.

There is another course called *Explanations*. It's an apologetics course, and most of the presentations are much shorter in length. That's not to imply they're short on content. These apologetical lessons are packed full of information. In fact, I keep them short so attendees don't get overwhelmed.

I don't know about you, but I'm a fighter who never gives up, never gives quarter. You may think you're too old to be that way, but you're fooling yourself. I'm elderly, in a wheelchair, can't write anymore, and I still won't give up. Age has nothing to do with tenacity. As I say in my email signature, "Comfort and Conviction don't live on the same block!" I say all this to get the point across that you have a moral obligation to know and understand our faith (trust me, you don't), and I'm willing to do whatever I have to do (for free) to help you live up to that moral obligation.

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<sup>1</sup> Not all the hierarchy is corrupt. Based on my research of what bishops have written and said, I have managed to identify at least two dozen American bishops who can be counted on to stand up and do what Christ has commissioned them to do. That's not to say they're the only ones; there just isn't enough information available to be able to identify more.