

## BULLETIN REFLECTION

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**24** he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? ! know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

If the unclean spirit knows who God is...how about mankind? In the profession of faith it starts with **I BELIEVE**. Before somebody could ever say 'I believe' he should be able to convince himself that his belief has reached the point of knowing it.

### FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH...

**27** The desire for God is written in the human heart, because **man is created by** God and **for** God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

**31** Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth...

**34** The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

**35** Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God.

Initially, God has graced mankind the desire to know Him (#27) and has given mankind faculties he can use (#35). God then is telling us 'mankind use them to the fullest because it is only through them that you would have the truth and happiness in your life.' (#27) Another thing to consider (that can help us in knowing God) is faith formation/catechism. God has opened then an avenue wherein mankind could not say 'I do not know how to know God.'

Finally, mankind has a strong relationship to his fellow ones because he took initiative of knowing them...thus, knowing God brings about mankind enjoying a deeper relationship with God.