

# Symbols of Our Faith

*The first three commandments call us to love God and worship him alone. Sometimes people do not understand the statues and images that are part of our religious life as Catholics. Suppose a friend who is not Catholic asks you, "Why do Catholics worship statues of Mary?"*

To help explain matters to your friend, imagine taking him or her on a tour of your church. Identify for your friend the various items in your church, including the statues, the windows, the altar, the baptismal font, and the reconciliation room. Explain how we use each item or space. Tell your friend that Catholics do not worship the items themselves. We use them to help us grow in our relationship with God.

## Answer the Question

On the lines below, write how you would answer your friend's question.

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