

## **24th Sunday of the year homily notes 9-15-13**

**In 2010 16 million people converted to Christianity**

**11.6 million left Christianity**

**53% of US adults have left the faith of their childhood**

**9% leave and return**

**Nones: unaffiliated**

**6% atheist or agnostic**

**14% nothing particular (people who were affiliated to a faith and have drifted away)**

**Less than 48% of Catholics are certain that you can have a personal relationship with god.**

**Only 60% of Catholics believe in a personal God.**

**Only 40% of Catholics in their 20's believe in a personal God**

**Capacity for a personal relationship: baptism, membership in church**

**Actual: experience of a personal God. (prayer; act of charity; reading the bible)**

**Only 30% of RCIA converts attend mass**