

Anita at a Glance

Not sure what it really means to be Catholic

Can't answer questions about what makes the faith different

Is drawn to other services because she's never been that inspired with homilies at Mass. The experience leaves her flat

Feels that all Christian faiths are basically "the same"

Wants to share religion with her boyfriend and friends

Has an emptiness she hoped God could fill.

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MEET ANITA...

- Anita is a single, 24-year-old Hispanic woman who is dating a man that isn't Catholic. And while she thinks religion matters, she believes that as long as they are both Christian, it's fine.
- Lately, she and her boyfriend have been having a lot of discussions about faith and religion; questioning why one faith is better than another or if they are really that different. They have friends who go to other more contemporary services and they've gone with them a few times. They are attracted to the music, the use of technology and how everyone participates from start to finish. Anita can't recall ever feeling that way at Mass, and it makes her wonder what she's missing.
- Anita respects the Sacraments, but she hasn't gone to Reconciliation since she was a child. And for her, Communion is more a symbolic gesture than anything else.
- For most of her life, but more strongly since she graduated and started working, Anita has had an emptiness she hoped God could fill. Maybe she should look a little harder at her friend's church. Maybe she'd meet people who feel the same way. And, then she could go to services with her friends and her boyfriend. And, if they decide to get married, it wouldn't be an issue that he isn't Catholic.