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Dear Mr. Westgendes,

Thank you for your letter of January 3rd, 1988.

What does a person need to believe in order to be a Catholic? Great question! Unfortunately, a simply answer in a one page letter is impossible considering all the scholarship and debates surrounding this issue.

I would like to suggest that you contact a priest in your area. Make an appointment and let him know what you want to discuss. Also, you might want to consider reading the following two books:

BASICS OF THE FAITH: A CATHOLIC CATECHISM. By Dr. Alan Schreck. Ann Arbor: Servant Publications, 1987.

UNDERSTANDING CATHOLICISM. By Dr. Monika Hellwig. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press.

Hope this will help. God bless you.

Sincerely,

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