Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Gospel text (*Mk* 16:9-15): When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told his companions who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; but they did not believe them either. [But] later, as the eleven were at table, he appeared to them and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised. He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Atheism (disavowal of faith)

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Today, Jesus Christ resurrected appears before the women and men that went together with Him during His life. They all behave in different ways: some, with awe; others live the experience with fear, indifference or disbelief; others believe and enjoy meeting the Resurrected.

Faith is "to know", knowing by relying on the Word of the person who talks to me. Before the mysteries of God, it stands to reason to have faith and, at the same time, faith is reasonable, because it also has its reasons. To believe in God is not a blind leap into the void: when Catholics enter in the church, they do not remove their heads, but their hats. To not believe is unnatural: it takes more "faith" to be an atheist than to be a believer.

—Jesus Resurrected, with my parents and the church I have found You: I want to believe —to know You— more and more. Now, in Easter, You give me a new opportunity to reaffirm my faith in Your resurrection. Allow me to express in my behavior the happiness of this "meeting".