



FAITH COMPANION

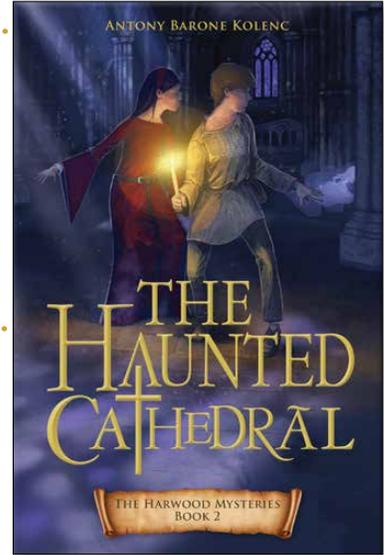


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XAN IS BURDENED BY HIS HATRED of those responsible for killing his parents. Because of this, he struggles with forgiving them. In *The Haunted Cathedral*, Xan takes a physical journey to Lincoln while also embarking on a spiritual journey.

“Forgiveness was like a journey, then, and here [Xan] was at its final step. Arriving there, he could maybe end this chapter of doubt and despair that had plagued him the past few months.” (p. 208)



Answer the following questions about forgiveness.

- 1. On page 26, Brother Andrew asks Xan to translate Luke 6:27–29 and read it aloud to him. What messages in those verses does Brother Andrew want Xan to “translate” into action?

- 2. How does Xan’s stubbornness and desire for revenge affect Xan himself?

- 3. After extending forgiveness to Carlo, Xan experiences peace, which inspires him to give a gift to another character. What is this gift, and how does it symbolize Xan’s personal growth?

- 4. Why do you think the author chose to have the novel take place during the Lenten season?

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Read the quotations from *The Haunted Cathedral* and the accompanying Scripture passages. Then respond to the prompts that follow.

A Cloud of Witnesses

From *The Haunted Cathedral*

“We are joined through our Lord Jesus to all God’s family, in Heaven or on earth. And as a family, we help each other: I pray for you; you pray for me; and the saints pray for us both. Sacred Scripture calls them a ‘cloud of witnesses’ that surround us.” (p. 46)

From Scripture

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

Think of a saint or holy person. How has this person been a witness of faith? What do you think you can learn from him or her?

Grow in Faith and Hope

From *The Haunted Cathedral*

“The Scriptures say faith is being sure of what we hope for; being certain of what we do not see.” (p. 54)

From Scripture

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

Both quotations mention two of the three Theological Virtues—faith and hope. The third Theological Virtue is charity. These virtues are the actions of the Holy Spirit in us. Write a short prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to help you give yourself to God and share in his divine life as you grow in faith and hope.
