

- And confess that the prayers of the faithful, which are offered up to God for the salvation of those who have departed this life in the faith, are favorably received through the mercy of God.
- And confess that power has been give by our Savior Christ unto the Church to bind and to loose and that whatsoever, by virtue of that power, is bound or loosed on earth will be bound or loosed in heaven.
- And confess that the foundation, head, and great high priest and chief shepherd of the Church is our Lord Jesus Christ and that bishops, pastors and teachers are appointed by him to rule the church and that the guide and pilot of this church is the Holy Spirit.
- And confess that the Catholic Church is the bride of Christ and that therein is true salvation.
- That there is life after earthly death and that we are involved in an eternal process of transforming ourselves into true adopted Children of God.
- And promise true obedience unto my life's end, to the Hierarchy of the Church and to the priest appointed by the Church which I now voluntarily confess and unconditionally hold and I will firmly maintain and confess whole and in its fullness and integrity, until my last breath, God being my helper.

These are things our Church believes and calls us to believe. Are they things that you believe? Our Church also professes that the true meaning and purpose of life is to grow in our likeness of Jesus since He is the prototype of what God created to be like. Our purpose during this present lifetime is to grow in our likeness of Jesus. This was God's intention when He created human beings and, subsequently came into the world to model for us how to live.



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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- In one God, Who is adored in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are Three-In-One, consubstantial in essence and nature, yet distinct in Persons.
- That God, in the Person of the Son, became a human being while still maintaining His divinity and that He is fully God and fully man. He has two “natures” which are hypostatically joined in His one Person.
- That the Three Persons of the One Godhead are equal in essence and nature and are joined by the power of love which eternally unites them and yet allows them separate distinction.
- And profess that God’s Holy Spirit, which has also been given to me, is also within the Church guiding and protecting it from error.
- In the existence of an invisible dimension to creation wherein God resides as well as all the deceased.
- I believe that the one True God has brought all things into existence through Jesus, the Son, in the Holy Spirit.
- I believe that God, in the Person of His Son Jesus, the Christ, came into the world to reveal to us how to live as adopted children of God.
- And profess that Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world, suffered, died and was raised from the dead to conquer Death and to reveal to us humans how to live.
- And profess that the Kingdom of God will have no end.
- That Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Christ, can properly be called the Mother of God because of the unity that exists in the Person of Jesus, the Christ. She can legitimately be called the MOTHER OF GOD.

- Accept and understand the holy scripture in accordance with the interpretation which the universal Church holds and has held and that the New Testament is NOT HISTORY but has the sole purpose of drawing others to Jesus, the Christ.
- And confess that there are seven Holy Mysteries (sacraments) of the New Testament and they are: Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist, Penance Holy Orders, Marriage and Anointing with Oil and that they were instituted by the Lord Christ and his Church and that through their operation and reception we may receive blessings from on high.
- And confess that in the Divine Liturgy, under the mystical forms of bread and wine, the faithful partake of the true Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, unto the remission of their sins and unto life everlasting.
- That we cannot know the exact moment that the transformation of the Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ takes place.
- And confess that it is proper to reverence and invoke the saints who reign on high with Christ and that their prayers and intercessions avail with the beneficent God unto our salvation. Likewise that it is well-pleasing in the sight of God that we should do homage to their relics, glorified through incorruption, as the precious memorials of their virtues.
- And acknowledge that the images - Icons - of Our Savior Christ and of the ever-virgin Mother of God and of other saints are worthy to be possessed and honored, not unto idolatry but that, through contemplation of them, we may be incited unto piety and unto imitation of the deeds of the holy persons represented by these icons.