

## Brief Catholic Profession of Faith

This brief profession of faith must be taken to become a catechumen. And it must be taken by baptized or unbaptized catechumens who are in danger of death in order to enter the Catholic Church: for the former it serves as an abjuration, and for the latter it serves as a profession of faith followed by baptism. Catholics can also take it as a profession of faith and thus as a reaffirmation of their faith.

1. I believe in the dogmas of the Apostles' Creed, which state that "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."
2. I believe in the dogma of the Most Holy Trinity, that there is one God in three Divine Persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Even though each of the three Divine Persons is God, there is only one God. As God, each Divine Person is uncreated, unmade, and eternal and thus always existed and always will exist. (Just remember 3 in 1: 3 Divine Persons in 1 God.)
3. I believe in the dogma of the Incarnation, that God the Son, Jesus Christ, became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of God the Holy Spirit. Hence since the Incarnation Jesus Christ is both God and man and thus has two natures, the nature of God from all eternity and the nature of man from the Blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore since the Incarnation Jesus Christ is one Divine Person, as he always was, but now with two natures. (Just remember 2 in 1: 2 natures in 1 Divine Person.)
4. I believe in the dogma of the Redemption, that Jesus Christ's sacrificial death redeemed all men from sin, the Devil, and everlasting damnation, and thus men who cooperate with the gifts of the redemption will be saved.
5. I believe in the dogma that the Catholic God, Church, and faith are the one and only true God, Church, and faith and hence all other gods, Churches, and faiths are false and thus of the Devil.
6. I believe in the dogma that men who do not believe in the Catholic faith do not believe in or worship the one true God, the Catholic God.
7. I believe in the dogma that outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation and thus only Catholics can be saved. Hence I believe in the dogma that all men who die as non-Catholics and thus die worshipping a false god or no god, practicing a false religion or no religion, adhering to a non-Catholic sect or non-Catholic Church (including baptized infants), guilty of the mortal sin of heresy, guilty of the mortal sin of schism, under major

excommunication, unbaptized, or as catechumens are not saved and thus are forever damned to hell. This is known as the Salvation Dogma.

8. I believe in the dogma that all unbaptized men and all other non-Catholics are children of Satan and thus on the road to hell.
9. I believe in the dogma that the sacrament of baptism worthily received by those entering the Catholic Church bestows an indelible mark, remits all sins and all the punishment due to sins, and makes men members of the Catholic Church.
10. I believe in the dogma that Catholics must sufficiently condemn sin, denounce sinners, and punish sinners when necessary and if possible or they share equally in the guilt of the sin or sinner.
11. I believe in the dogma that Catholics are forbidden to favor, defend, or support sinners in their sin, under pain of sharing equally in the guilt of the sinner.
12. I believe in the dogma that Catholics are forbidden to knowingly be in any kind of religious communion with formal and material heretics, formal and material schismatics, major excommunicates, minor excommunicates if so stated,<sup>1</sup> and all those who do not adhere to the Catholic Church, under pain of the mortal sin of heresy or idolatry.<sup>2</sup> Hence Catholics must not pray with any of the above nor receive or administer sacraments or sacramentals from or to them.
13. I believe in the dogma that Catholics are forbidden to favor or glorify things against the faith, such as devils, idols, false gods, false religions, pagans, and heretics, under pain of the mortal sin of idolatry or heresy, whether or not they believe in these evil things.
14. I believe in the dogma that Catholics are forbidden to favor or glorify immoral things, such as vice, immodesty, pornography, or grotesque deformity, under pain of the mortal sin of immorality and of heresy if the favoring or glorifying is notorious.

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<sup>1</sup> Catholics under a minor excommunication are still Catholic. The conditions of the minor excommunication can ban the offending Catholic from all or partial religious communion with other Catholics.

<sup>2</sup> Even though catechumens are not Catholic and thus are outside the Catholic Church, they nevertheless adhere to the Catholic Church as non-members and thus Catholics must be in religious communion with them. However, Catholics must lead prayers when praying with catechumens. Inquirers are those who are curious about the Catholic faith but have not committed themselves to be catechumens. Catholics can teach inquirers how to pray, teach them the faith, and lead prayers while the inquirers pray in submission to the Catholics. Hence Catholics are not in religious communion with inquirers; rather, the inquirers are in religious submission to Catholics.

**CONSENTER:**

WHEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, (*circle one*: a baptized catechumen – an unbaptized catechumen – a doubtfully baptized catechumen – a Catholic), being of sound mind and by use of my unrestrained freewill, assent and believe each and all of the points on this (*circle one*: abjuration – conditional abjuration – profession of faith) in their entirety and without any reservation.

(Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place Where Signed:	
Address Where Signed:	
Date When Became a Catechumen:	
Home Address:	
Date and Place of Birth:	
Date and Place of Baptism:	

**ACCEPTED BY:**

CATHOLIC CLERIC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:	
Place Where Signed:	
Address Where Signed:	
Home Address:	

**WITNESSED BY:**

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:	
Place Where Signed:	
Address Where Signed:	
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