

DOCTRINE OF THE REDEMPTION

What is meant by the Redemption? By the Redemption is meant that Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of the whole human race, offered His suffering and death to God as a fitting sacrifice in satisfaction for the sins of men, and regained for them the right to be children of God and heirs of heaven.

PART VII

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O my God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

ACT OF CHARITY

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am truly sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

CONFITEOR

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

CONFITEOR IN LATIN

Confiteor Dei omnipotēti, beatæ Mariæ Virgine, beāto Michaēli Archángelo, beāto Joānni Baptiste, Sánc̄tis Apóstolis Pétri et Paulo, ómnibus Sánc̄tis et tibi, Pater: quia peccávi nimis cogitatíone verbo et opere: (Here strike breast three times) Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea máxima culpa. Ídeo précor beátam Mariám Virgenem, beāto Michaélum Archángelum, beátum Joánnem Baptístam, sánc̄tos Apóstolos Pétrum et Paulum, omnes Sánc̄tos et te, Pater, oráre pro me ad Dóminum Deum nostrum.

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**MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY FOR THE RECEPTION OF
HOLY CONFIRMATION**

PART I

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF ALMIGHTY GOD

- I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
- Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- Remember thou keep holy the Lord's Day.
- Honor thy Father and thy Mother
- Thou shalt not kill.
- Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- Thou shalt not steal.
- Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.
- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.



THE SIX PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- To assist at Holy Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.
- To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
- To confess our sins at least once a year.
- To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
- To contribute to the support of the Church.
- To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES

1. THREE Feasts of Our Lord..... Christmas Day, December 25
Circumcision, January 1
Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter
2. TWO Feasts of Our Lady..... Assumption of B.V.M., August 15
Immaculate Conception, December 8
3. ONE Feast of the Saints..... All Saints Day, November 1

PART II

THE APOSTLES CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting Amen.

(It is necessary that the parent or teacher instructing the child explain clearly each of the parts of the Creed, which is a succinct summary of the doctrines of our holy Faith. The Baltimore Catechism can be used by the instructor in explaining the doctrines).

PART III

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

1. What is a Sacrament? A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

2. Name the Seven Sacraments:
- BAPTISM**
 - CONFIRMATION**
 - HOLY EUCHARIST**
 - PENANCE**
 - EXTREME UNCTION**
 - HOLY ORDERS**
 - MATRIMONY**

1. **What is Baptism?** Baptism is the Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and heirs of Heaven.
2. **What is Penance?** Penance is the Sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven.
3. **What is the Holy Eucharist?** The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, under the appearances of bread and wine.
4. **What is Confirmation?** Confirmation is the Sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our Faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.
5. **What is Extreme Unction?** Extreme Unction is a Sacrament which, through the anointing and prayer of the priest, gives health and strength to the soul, and sometimes to the body, when we are in danger of death from sickness.
6. **What is Holy Orders?** Holy Orders is a Sacrament by which bishops, priests and other ministers of the Church are ordained and receive the power and grace to perform their sacred duties.
7. **What is Matrimony?** Matrimony is a Sacrament which unites a Christian man and woman in lawful marriage.

PART IV

CONFIRMATION

1. What are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost?

WISDOM gives us a relish for the things of God and directs our whole life and all our actions to His honour and glory

UNDERSTANDING enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.

COUNSEL warns us of the deceits of the devil and of the dangers to salvation.

FORTITUDE strengthens us to do the will of God in all things

KNOWLEDGE enables us to discover the will of God in all things

PIETY makes us love God as a Father and obey Him because we love Him

FEAR OF THE LORD fills us with a dread of sin

2. What are the effects of Confirmation? The effects of Confirmation are:

An increase of Sanctifying Grace received in Baptism

The Gifts of the Holy Ghost

An indelible mark imprinted on our souls

PART V

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

1. **Is there only one God?** Yes, there is only one God.
2. **How many persons are there in God?** In God there are three divine persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
3. **Is the Father God?** The Father is God and the first person of the Blessed Trinity.
4. **Is the Son God?** The Son is God and the second person of the Blessed Trinity.
5. **Is the Holy Ghost God?** The Holy Ghost is God and the third person of the Blessed Trinity.
6. **What do we mean by the Blessed Trinity?** By the Blessed Trinity we mean one and the same God in three divine persons.
7. **Are the three divine Persons really distinct from one another?** The three divine Persons are really distinct from one another.
8. **Are the three divine Persons perfectly equal to one another?** The three divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God.
9. **How are the three divine Person, though really distinct from one another, one and the same God?** The three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another are one and the same God, because all have one and the same divine nature.
10. **Can we fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God?** We cannot fully understand how the three divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God, because this is a supernatural mystery.

PART VI

THE DOCTRINE OF THE INCARNATION

1. **Did God abandon man after Adam fell into sin?** God did not abandon man after Adam fell into sin, but promised to send into the world a Saviour to free man from his sins and to reopen the gates of heaven.
2. **Who is the Saviour of all men?** The Saviour of all men is Jesus Christ.
3. **What is the chief teaching of the Catholic Church about Jesus Christ?** The chief teaching of the Catholic Church concerning Jesus Christ is that He is God made man.
4. **Why is Jesus Christ God?** Jesus Christ is God because He is the only Son of God, having the same divine nature as His Father.
5. **Why is Jesus Christ man?** Jesus Christ is man because He is the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary and has a body and soul like ours.
6. **Is Jesus Christ more than one Person?** Jesus Christ is only one Person; and that Person is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.
7. **How many natures has Jesus Christ?** Jesus Christ has two natures: the nature of God and the nature of man.
8. **Was the son of God always man?** The son of God was not always man, but became man at the time of the Incarnation.
9. **What is meant by the Incarnation?** By the Incarnation is meant that the Son of God, retaining His divine nature, took to Himself a human nature, that is, a body and soul like ours.
10. **How was the Son of God made man?** The Son of God was conceived and made man on Annunciation Day, the day on which the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.
11. **Is Saint Joseph the father of Jesus Christ?** Jesus Christ has no human father, but Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian, or foster father of Jesus Christ.
12. **When was Christ born?** Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Christmas Day, in Bethlehem, more than nineteen hundred years ago.
13. **What is a supernatural mystery?** A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.