

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 Spirit,
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;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the God
the Father almighty;
from there he will 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.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Journey of Faith—What Catholics Believe

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Discussion

Think about your own journey of faith:

- What along your journey of faith has brought you to RCIA?
- Can you identify God's presence along your journey of faith?
- Can you identify something, some event or someone who has helped to encourage your faith?
- If you were to draw a graph of your journey of faith and how it has grown over the years, what would that graph look like?

Share with your group as you feel comfortable.

Prayer Homework

Choose one of the following prayers each day (it may be the same one or a different one) and spend a few minutes praying and meditating on the words.

Searching for God—Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)

O Lord, my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you. You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire; let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you; let me love you when I find you. Amen.

God's Presence in My World—Jacob Astley (1579-1652)

Help me today to realize that you will be speaking to me through the events of the day, through people, through things, and through creation. Give me ears, eyes, and heart to perceive you, however veiled your presence may be. Give me insight to see through the exterior of things to the interior truth. Give me your Spirit of discernment. O Lord, you know how busy I must be this day. If I forget you, do not forget me. Amen.

Prayer of Fidelity (faithfulness) to God

Grant, O God, that my heart which was made for you alone, may ever be wholly yours; that free from all undue affection to creatures, it may refer all to you and seek you alone in all things. Yes, my God, I know, with St. Augustine, that you are the centre of all hearts, because you are their last end and sovereign good and that they cannot rest until they rest in you. Grant me, therefore, what I ask now: a faithful, sovereign and constant adherence to you. Amen.