

THE SMALLEST CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I. WHAT WE BELIEVE: THE CREDO

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary

Under Pontius Pilate He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.

II. WHAT WE CELEBRATE: THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

The Sacraments of Healing

Penance and Reconciliation

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacraments at the service of communion

Holy Orders

Matrimony

III. HOW WE LIVE: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (THE DECALOGUE)

Because of the love of God

1. I am the Lord your God:

you shall not have strange Gods before me.

2. You shall not take

the name of the Lord your God in vain.

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Because of the love of our neighbour

4. Honour your father and your mother.

5. You shall not kill.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.

10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

The Three Evangelical Counsels: Chastity, Obedience and Poverty

IV. WHAT WE DESIRE: PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.