

Outline of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, promulgated in October 1992, aims to summarize the faith, teaching and morals of the Catholic Church. It **consists of four main parts**: the profession of faith, the sacraments of faith, the life of faith, and prayer.

Part 1: The profession of faith

The first part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is entitled **the Profession of Faith**. It is divided into **two sections**:

1. “I believe”—“we believe” section
2. “**The profession of the Christian faith**, Symbols of the faith”.

First section: “I believe”—“we believe”

Chapter One: Man is “capable” of God

man is “*made to live in communion with God*”, and that God “*can be known with certainty through his works, thanks to the natural light of human reason*”.

the desire for God

the **paths to knowledge of God**, knowledge of God according to the Church, knowing how to talk about God.

Chapter two: God meets man

God's Revelation:

God reveals his “benevolent plan” and that Christ is the “*Mediator and Fullness of all Revelation*”.

The transmission of divine Revelation

Sacred Scripture:

Christ is the unique Word of Sacred Scripture, the inspiration and truth of Sacred Scripture, the Canon of the Scriptures, etc.

Chapter three: Man's response to God

I believe

We believe

Second section: “The profession of the Christian faith, Symbols of the faith”

Chapter 1: I believe in God the Father

I believe in God
The Father
The Almighty
The Creator
Heaven and earth
Man
The fall

Chapter two: I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God

“And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord”.

“Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”.

“Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified, He died, He was buried”.

“Jesus Christ descended into hell and rose from the dead on the third day”.

“Jesus has ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty”.

“From where he will come to judge the living and the dead”.

“I believe in the Holy Spirit

“I believe in the Holy Catholic Church”.

“I believe in the forgiveness of sins”.

“I believe in the resurrection of the flesh”.

“I believe in eternal life”.

Part 2: Celebrating the Christian mystery

“The sacramental economy”

the Pascal mystery in the time of the Church.

This chapter evokes the liturgy as the work of the Holy Trinity and the Pascal mystery in the sacraments of the Church.

the sacramental celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

This chapter answers questions such as who celebrates, how to celebrate, when and where to celebrate.

“The seven sacraments of the Church”.

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation,
with Baptism , Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

The sacraments of healing,
sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, the anointing of the sick.

The sacraments of communion service,
sacrament of Holy Orders and marriage.

Part 3: Life in Christ

First section “Man's vocation: life in the spirit”.

The dignity of the human person

Man the image of God
Our vocation to beatitude
Human freedom
The morality of human acts
The morality of passions
Moral conscience
Virtues
Sin

The human community

the person and society,
participation in social life,
social justice.

God's salvation: law and grace

the moral law
grace and justification
the Church as mother and educator

Second section: "The Ten Commandments"

1st commandment: *"You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him.*

2nd commandment: *"Thou shalt not utter the name of the Lord thy God falsely".*

3rd commandment: *"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy".*

4th commandment: *"Honor your father and your mother".*

5th commandment: *"Thou shalt not murder".*

6th commandment: *"Thou shalt not commit adultery".*

7th commandment *"Thou shalt not steal".*

8th commandment: *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"*

9th commandment: *"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house".*

10th Commandment: *"You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

Part 4: Christian prayer

"Prayer in the Christian life"

The revelation of prayer. The universal call to prayer

prayer in the Old Testament

in the fullness of time

in the time of the Church (blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise.)

The tradition of prayer

the expressions of prayer, such as vocal prayer, meditation and contemplative prayer

the combat of prayer in article

"The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father!'"

the summary of the whole Gospel

"Our Father who art in heaven"

the seven petitions