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# The Apostles' Creed & The Nicene Creed (Roman Catholic)

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A creed (from the latin word “credo,” which translates to “I believe,”) is an authorized summary of the Christian faith that symbolizes the beliefs of the Church. When we recite a creed, we strengthen our beliefs and our connection with God. The Apostles' Creed and The Nicene Creed are two of the creeds that are recognized by the Catholic Church. They are both a profession of faith and used for different purposes. The Apostles Creed is the oldest and the shortest creed and is most well known. This Creed is recited during Catholic Mass. The Nicene Creed provides a more in-depth understanding and is considered authoritative. These creeds are important aspects of the Catholic faith and help us to remember and better understand the fundamentals of the Catholic Church.

## 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; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sits 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.

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
of one Being 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,

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and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.