



guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

See CCC §194

The Apostles' Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is "the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith."

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  
God the Father almighty.  
From there 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 life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Nicene Creed**

See CCC §195 & 196

*The Niceno-Constantinopolitan* or *Nicene Creed* draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common

to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day.

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 worshipped 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 Creed of Pius IV**

Also called The Tridentine Creed of 1564  
(De Fide.) Council of Trent  
(Sess. 25, De Reform. cap.2)

The *Professio fidei Tridentinae*, also known as the Creed of Pope Pius IV, is one of the four authoritative Creeds of the Catholic Church. As

the name implies, it was composed by Pope Pius IV under the auspices of the Council of Trent. It was subsequently modified slightly after the First Vatican Council.

The major intent of the Creed was to clearly define the Catholic faith against Protestantism. At one time it was used by theologians as an oath of loyalty to the Church and to reconcile converts to the Church, but it is rarely used these days.

**I**, (Name), with a firm faith believe and profess each and everything which is contained in the Creed which the Holy Roman Church makes use of. To wit:

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits 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. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and Who spoke through the prophets. And one holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I also admit the Holy Scripture according to that sense which our holy mother the Church