

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT (BASIS FOR BALTIMORE CATECHISM)

Study Lesson Number 6

For ONE to be Catholic - ALL of the following BASIC essentials MUST be included in the FOUNDATION OF CATHOLIC BELIEF:

THE CREED

The Twelve Articles of Faith:

- Article I: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth."  
Article II: "And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord."  
Article III: "Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary."  
Article IV: "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried."  
Article V: "He descended into Hell, the third day He rose again from the dead."  
Article VI: "He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty."  
Article VII: "From thence He shall come to judge the Living and the Dead."  
Article VIII: "I believe in the Holy Ghost."  
Article IX: "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints."  
Article X: "The forgiveness of sins."  
Article XI: "The Resurrection of the Body."  
Article XII: "Life Everlasting."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayer is a duty commanded by OBLIGATORY precept. Necessary to the performance of the duty of prayer is comprised in that divine formula which Christ made known to His Apostles.)

The Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer:

THE ADDRESS TO THE FATHER

(God is called FATHER because He provides for us.)

"OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN:"

- Petition I; "Hallowed be Thy Name."  
Petition II: "Thy Kingdom Come."  
Petition III: "Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."  
Petition IV: "Give us this day our daily bread."  
Petition V: "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."  
Petition VI: "And lead us not into temptation."  
Petition VII: "But deliver us from evil."

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

The Ten Commandments form the summary of the WHOLE LAW OF GOD.

First Commandment:

I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.

Second Commandment:

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Third Commandment:

Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day.

Fourth Commandment:

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thou mayest be longlived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee.

Fifth Commandment:

Thou shalt not kill.

Sixth Commandment:

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Seventh Commandment:

Thou shalt not steal.

Eighth Commandment:

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Ninth Commandment:

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

Tenth Commandment:

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

The Seven Sacraments are THE NECESSARY MEANS OF SALVATION.

- (1) Baptism
- (2) Confirmation
- (3) Holy Eucharist
- (4) Penance
- (5) Extreme Unction
- (6) Holy Orders
- (7) Matrimony

A SACRAMENT is an outward sign (visible sign) instituted by Christ to give Grace - (instituted for our justification).

In these, our days, it becomes necessary to labor with more than ordinary zeal and piety to nourish and strengthen the Faithful People with sound and wholesome Doctrine, as with the food of life. For "false prophets have gone forth into the world," to corrupt the minds of the Faithful People with "various and strange doctrines."