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# The Apostles Creed

This is the Apostles Creed, as used in the Roman Catholic Church's liturgy.

This creed is considered to be a faithful summary of the Apostles' teaching. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church at Rome. (See *Catechism*, 194.)

The Apostles Creed is one of the creeds that can be found in the *Handbook of Prayers* edited by James Socias.

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.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
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.

The *Catechism* has a side-by-side comparison of the Nicene Creed with the **Apostles Creed** (the link is to that *Catechism* page on the Vatican's website).

Be sure to see the **Athanasian Creed**, too. Though lesser-known, it's unique in its detailed and beautiful description of the **Holy Trinity**.

The Apostles Creed and the **Catholic Nicene Creed** are the most common creeds used in the daily life of the Roman Catholic Church.

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