



## **I. PROFESSION OF FAITH**

We with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the Symbol of faith, namely:

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I 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, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, 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. I 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. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With firm faith, we also believe everything contained in the Word of God, whether written or handed down in Tradition, which the Church, either by a solemn judgement or by the ordinary and universal Magisterium, sets forth to be believed as divinely revealed.

We also firmly accept and hold each and everything definitively proposed by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, we adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman pontiff or the College of Bishops enunciate *when they exercise their authentic Magisterium*, even if they do not intend to proclaim these teachings by a definitive act.

In particular, we profess the dignity of the human person<sup>i</sup>, and therefore categorically reject all assaults against that dignity, including attacks against the immutable image of God in whom we are created.<sup>ii</sup>

We affirm a hermeneutic of continuity in Catholic Tradition and authentic development in Catholic teaching. We firmly reject modernism which attempts to maintain the same words of the Faith but replace it with a different and contradictory meaning.<sup>iii</sup>

We reject the separation and division between orthodoxy and orthopraxis. We believe and reaffirm that God's grace is sufficient to overcome human sin.<sup>iv</sup>



## II. OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING AN OFFICE OR POSITION TO BE EXERCISED IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH

With great care and fidelity, we shall carry out the duties incumbent on me toward the Church, both universal and particular, in which, according to the provisions of the law, we have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, we shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety; We shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and we shall avoid any teachings contrary to it.

We shall follow and foster the common discipline of the entire Church and we shall maintain the observance of all ecclesiastical laws, especially those contained in the Code of Canon Law.

With Christian obedience I shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish.

We shall also faithfully assist the diocesan Bishops, so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church.

We shall foster the common discipline of the entire Church and we shall insist on the observance of all ecclesiastical laws, especially those contained in the Code of Canon Law.

With Christian obedience we shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish. We shall also — with due regard for the character and purpose of my institute — faithfully assist the diocesan Bishops, so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church.<sup>v</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1700

<sup>ii</sup> We categorically reject attacks on human dignity through the abuse of sexuality including but not limited to all contraceptive acts whether heterosexual or homosexual, invitro fertilization, and abortion. We affirm the belief that humanity, being created in the image of the Triune God, is created as only male and female and definitively reject modern attempts to redefine this image of man or propose its malleability.

<sup>iii</sup> “Having an appearance indeed of godliness but denying the power thereof. Now these avoid.” (2 Tim 3:5)

<sup>iv</sup> “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor 12:9)

<sup>v</sup> Adapted from *Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity*. Published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in conformity to Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter Motu Proprio *Ad Tuendam Fidem*

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