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# RCIA SESSION 1

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH, THE HOLY TRINITY, AND DIVINE REVELATION

# THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

## ELEMENTS OF FAITH:

~Faith is the assent of the mind of all that has been revealed

## OUR RESPONSE to God's desiring us first:

~Conversion- turning away from sin and turning toward God: Seeing things another way that is not our own way

~Trust yourself to God

~This includes our heart and mind

~We need to give our "Yes": our decision of faith



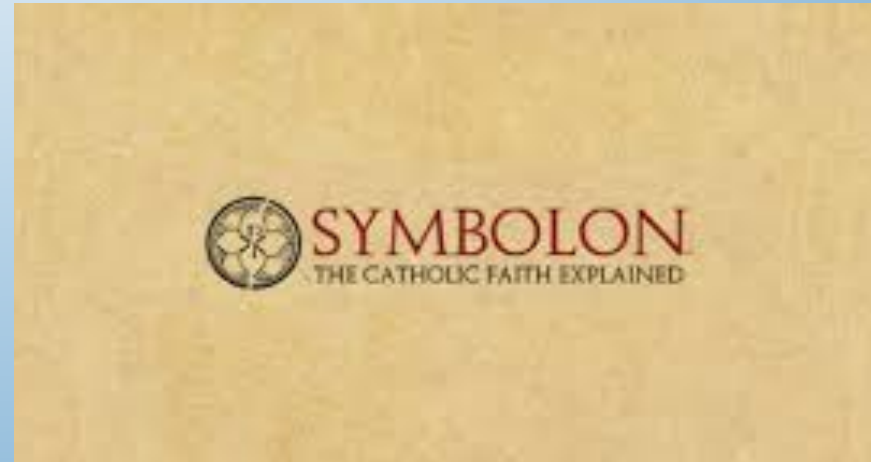
# GROWING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD: GOD INVITES US INTO HIS LOVE

## ELEMENTS OF FAITH AND CONVERSION

- Research
- Prayer
- Mentors
- Celebration
- Commitment
- Planning
- Center your life on God

SYMBOLON- CREED= UNITY

YOU ARE INVITED INTO RELATIONSHIP  
WITH GOD- JUST AS THE TRINITY IS  
ONE IN RELATIONSHIP





# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?



Time

Discipline

Surround self with good relationships

Commitment to grow in faith

Read Sacred Scripture

Go to Mass

Daily Prayer

Study

Change



# THE OUR FATHER PRAYER

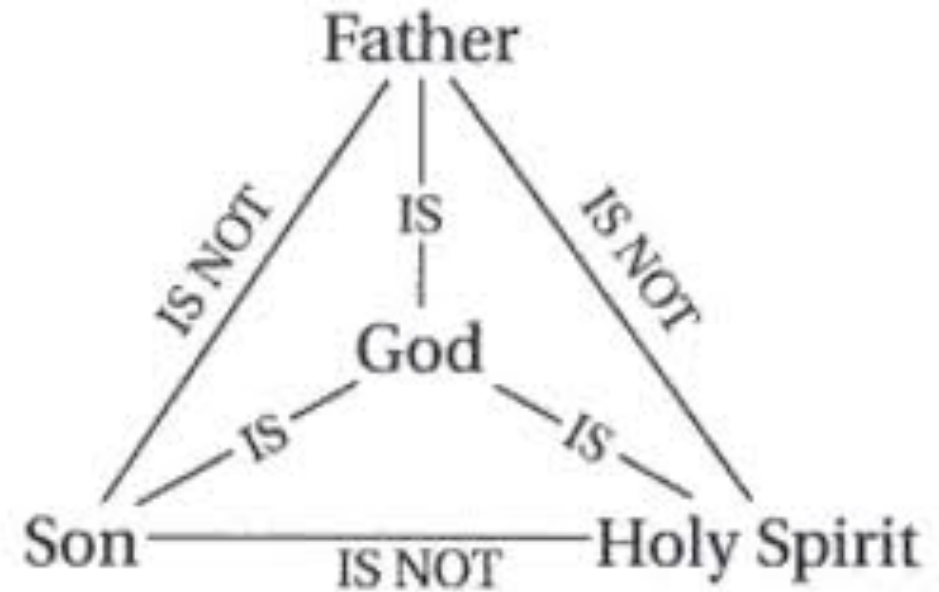


- Praising, Loving, and Thanking: an expression of love and gratitude
- Acknowledging needs/sins: God already knows what we need but He still desires that we ask and bring our needs to Him
- Asking for forgiveness: Ways we have failed God and each other. We need forgiveness for ourselves and we need to offer forgiveness to each other
- It is both a prayer of thanksgiving and petition given to us by Jesus



# WHO IS GOD? GOD IS A TRINITY: 1 YET 3

- Believing in God takes faith: assent of the intellect and will
- Intellect: Head, heart, rely on the Holy Spirit
- Will: action, mercy, direction (toward God)
- Faith is our response to God: CCC 150
- Commitment
- You are not alone
- You will grow to be stronger
- CCC 221-266



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# PART 2 DIVINE REVELATION

THE UNVEILING DISCLOSURE OF GOD SO WE MAY COME TO KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, AND SERVE HIM IN THIS LIFE SO AS TO BE WITH HIM ALWAYS IN THE NEXT

# HOW HAS GOD REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGHOUT TIME? (CCC 50-65)

SACRED SCRIPTURE- WRITTEN TRADITION

SACRED TRADITION- ORAL TRADITION

MAGISTERIUM- TEACHING AUTHORITY

2. Process of Revelation- "How" revelation is handed on

a. Sacred Tradition- (mostly Oral Tradition)

»Def- Divine Revelation handed on, by the spoken word to the Apostles, by Christ & the Holy Spirit. (It is handed on today, to the Bishops[the Apostles successors]) *Later H.T - written*

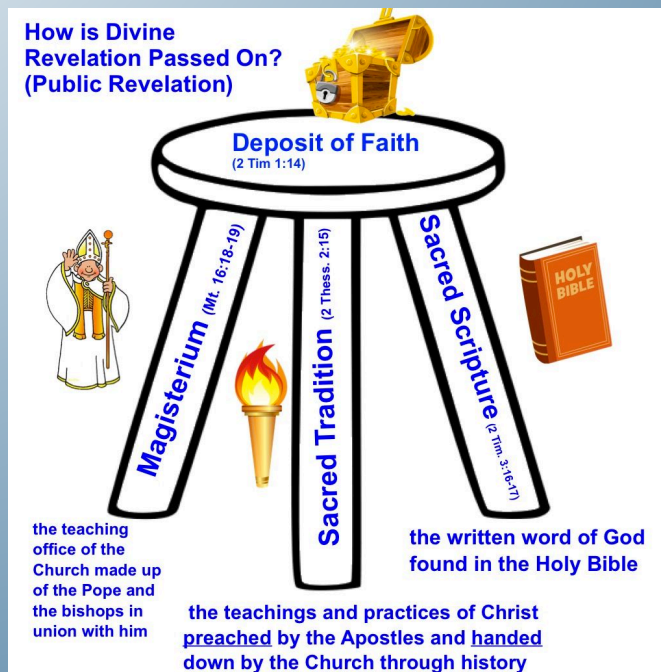
b. Sacred Scripture (Written Tradition-)

»Def- Divine Revelation put down in writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

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C. Magisterium- The official teaching authority of the Church. It guards the Divine Revelation(Deposit of faith) to ensure it is kept pure & true. It is exercised through the Pope & the Bishops with the Pope

Symbolon- Creed= Unity  
You are invited into relationship with God- just as the trinity is one in relationship



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# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Why can I not just be spiritual?

Why do we need to follow?

Why can't I do my own thing?

Why do we need a structure?

Question 15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?

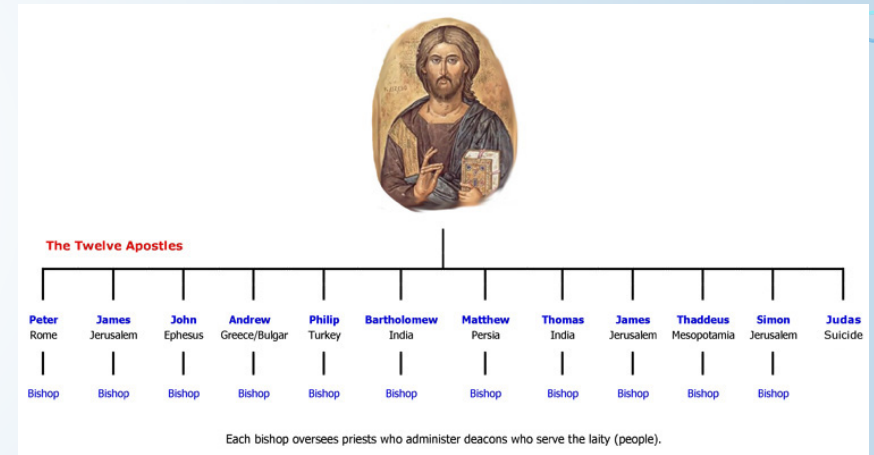
The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

CCC 84, 91, 94, 99



God loves us and wants to protect us. He knows what is best for us. He gives us freedom and the sense of safety: We are Free For, NOT Free From

# WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM? WHY CAN'T I JUST INTERPRET THE BIBLE ON MY OWN?



Solo Scriptura is unbiblical, unhistorical, unworkable

The Word preached is as important as the Word written. In fact, the Word preached came before the Word written.

Scripture began orally

The Magisterium is the teaching authority- keys of Authority given to Peter and passed on through Apostolic Succession

What is Sacred Tradition- It is a way of life, family living, a living Tradition

The Trinity is 3 unique persons, yet 1 essence. Similarly, Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium are 3 separate things yet they convey 1 truth.

We can experience this through the Church (Liturgy aka the Mass) and Christ

# HOW DO WE GROW IN FAITH?

- START TODAY! One step at a time
- Pray
- Read Sacred Scripture
- Go to Mass
- Make a Commitment to Be Intentional: set up your times to pray
- Find silence to listen for God
- Use your intellect and will

