

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

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Presents (unless otherwise indicated)										
1.	God as Father/Creator;	I								
2.	Jesus as gift of God, Son and Redeemer;	I								
3.	Holy Spirit as Love and Friend;		I							
4.	The Three Persons in One God as: The Father (the 1st Person), Son (the 2nd Person, and Holy Spirit (the 3rd Person).			I						
5.	Explains that the Holy Spirit lives in the Church and in each member of the Church.				I					
6.	Encourages respect and devotion to the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph).		I							
7.	Explains that the will of God is communicated to each one through the legitimate teaching authority of the Church					I				
8.	Explains that the Holy Spirit guides the life of the Church and helps each one grow in love and trust.				I					
9.	Discusses the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.						I			
10.	Presents God as worthy of worship.	I								
11.	Discusses the diversity of worship by other religions.				I					
12.	Explains that God's presence is known and felt through sign and symbol.						I			
13.	Explains that God is worshiped in the Church, through Jesus, guided by the Spirit.				I					
14.	Explains that God can bring good out of the evil that a person chooses to do.					I				
15.	Presents all people as members of God's family.	I								
16.	Presents Jesus' teachings as our way of life.		I							

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17.	Presents Jesus as friend.	I								
18.	Presents Jesus as the Son of God and Redeemer who was sent to teach us the way to the Father.		I							
19.	Defines Jesus as second person of the Trinity.			I						
20.	Presents Jesus as Healer, Reconciler, and Prince of Peace.		I							
21.	Explains that Jesus is risen and living among His people.			I						
22.	Discusses God as being fully revealed by Jesus.			I						
23.	Discusses Jesus as God-with-us (Incarnation)			I						
24.	Discusses Jesus as true God and true man.			I						
25.	Examines the life of Jesus - His public ministry, His way of life.	I								
26.	Presents Jesus' life, teaching and ministry, as an example of perfect response to the Father.					I				
27.	Identifies Jesus' life, death and resurrection as a manifestation of God's love for His people.			I						
28.	Recounts the establishment of the Church by Jesus while He was on earth.				I					
29.	Explains that Jesus came to restore our dignity as children of God and to invite all to His community.				I					
30.	Explains That Jesus is alive in and through those who believe in Him because He is present to them as Risen Lord.								I	
31.	Draws from the student a personal answer to Jesus' questions: "Who do you say that I am?"								I	
32.	Explains that the individual's response to Jesus is a free decision.					I				
33.	Lists ways that the individual can experience Jesus in daily life.			I						
34.	Lists ways that individuals can respond to Jesus by the way they treat others.			I						

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35.	Presents the Bible as God's Living Word.	I								
36.	Discusses Scripture as the main sourcebook of faith.				I					
37.	Explains the two major divisions of the Bible and their meaning (Old and New Testaments).							I		
38.	Recounts Biblical stories of Jesus in the four Gospels.			I						
39.	Examines the four Gospels and the special emphasis of each Evangelist.								I	
40.	Guides students in the skill of locating Biblical passages.							I		
41.	Interprets the meaning and message of the Scriptural revelations of Old and New Testament passages.							I		
42.	Discusses reading the Gospels, the epistles and the Acts of the Apostles as vehicles for better understanding the life and teachings of Jesus and the beginnings of the Church.								I	
43.	Describes God's fidelity to His promises by citing historical examples.						I			
44.	Identifies the constancy of God's love.					I				
45.	Describes God's acts in human history.	I								
46.	Provides opportunities for reflection on and response to the invitation of Jesus to be a member of the Church.	I								
47.	Explains Pentecost as the birth of the Church.				I					
48.	Identifies the Church as Trinitarian and Christ-centered, leading to the Father, through the Son, with the Holy Spirit.				I					
49.	Identifies Church as community.			I						
50.	Discusses the personal need to belong to a community.			I						
Describes the Church -										
	51. as God's family;		I							
	52. as reflective of the Kingdom of God;		I							

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	53. as a harmonious living community;		I							
	54. as a parish/diocese/universal.			I						
55.	Presents the Church as a Communion of Saints					I				
56.	Describes the Church as a supportive community of people.						I			
57.	Presents the Church as a continuation of the life and ministry of Jesus.					I				
58.	Recognizes the four identifying marks of the Church (i.e., one, catholic, apostolic and holy) and explains how each member is called to make these signs visible.								I	
59.	Presents the Nicene Creed as the Church's formal statement of belief.								I	
60.	Explains the hierarchy of the Church.						I			
61.	Explains the Pope as the visible head of the Church and Vicar of Christ.					I				
62.	Explains the coming of Christ "in Glory" in the context of Eschatology and Final Judgment.								I	
63.	Presents eternal destiny in light of Christ our hope, ---death, judgment, Purgatory, Heaven or Hell.								I	
From <u>The Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> and the USCCB Doctrinal Elements Guide Teaches that: (unless otherwise indicated)										
64.	God has made us for himself.		I							
65.	God loves and cares for everyone and wants everyone to know Him.		I							
66.	The Holy Spirit is an expression of God's love for us.		I							
67.	God saves us not as isolated individuals, but as members of a family.		I							
68.	God made us to be perfectly happy with Him in heaven.		I							
69.	God made all creation good.			I						

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70.	The Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray.			I						
71.	The Church is the People of God and the Body of Christ.			I						
72.	God speaks to us in the Bible and in Tradition.			I						
73.	There are three parts to the Apostles' and Nicene Creed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father and Creation • Son and Redemption • Holy Spirit and Sanctification 				I					
74.	Mary is preceded by Holy Women in the Old Testament: Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Ruth, Judith and Esther.				I					
75.	Jesus died for everyone and God calls all people to salvation.		I							
76.	Jesus' obedience to Mary and Joseph is a model for us.		I							
77.	The <u>Paschal Mystery</u> is defined as Jesus' Death and Resurrection.				I					
78.	The Resurrection is the work of the Holy Trinity: The Father raised Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.				I					
79.	We become members of the Church by faith in Christ and Baptism.		I							
80.	The Pope is the Pastor of the entire Church.				I					
81.	Every Christian, by Baptism and Confirmation is called to take part in the Church's Evangelizing Mission.				I					
82.	<u>Communion of Saints</u> is defined as a sharing of spiritual goals among members of the Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those living on earth • Those in purification in Purgatory • Those in heaven (canonized and non-canonized) 				I					
83.	Mary is the model of Faith, Charity and Obedience for the Church.				I					
84.	Defines Covenant as a mutual relationship based on love. Not merely a contract, but calling upon those involved to relationship beyond only what is owed to what is truly loving.					I				

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85.	God's response to Sin was to promise salvation and offer a covenant relationship to his people.					I				
86.	The Father's only Son Jesus, was conceived in the Blessed Virgin's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.								I	
87.	After Jesus' death, his body did not decay in the tomb.								I	
88.	The Paschal Mystery includes the death and Resurrection of Jesus. He died for our sins and rose for our justification.				I					
89.	At Pentecost, the Risen Lord pours out the Holy Spirit. Only then is the Trinity fully revealed.				I					
90.	Everyone in the Church shares Christ's role as priest, prophet and king. This is conferred through the anointing at Baptism.									I
91.	Christians Share in the Communion of Saints and pray through the intercession of holy people in heaven.				I					
92.	The Resurrection of the body will take place at the last day. Our souls will enjoy the fruits of good lives and the grace of God immediately when we die.						I			
93.	We will be judged especially on our treatment of the poor and suffering.				I					
94.	The Church is nourished by the Scriptures as well as the Eucharist.						I			
95.	Cites the saying of St. Jerome: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."							I		
96.	Presents Abraham as the great Old Testament Model of Faith							I		
97.	Emphasizes that God created the world and pronounced it as "very good"					I				
98.	Encourages respect for creation, protection of the environment and good stewardship of all God's gifts.				I					
99.	Explains that as a result of Original Sin human nature is weakened and subject to suffering and death and inclined to sin					I				
100.	Defines "Jesus" as "God Saves"							I		
101.	Identifies the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church as evidenced by acts of charity, apostolic life and the Tradition of the Church.				I					

