Profession of Faith Prescribed by Pope Michael

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. I renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his allurements.

I accept everything the holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, as She teaches and believes them, especially those things which are de fide; of faith.

I reject each and every error, which the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church rejects, as She rejects and condemns them, without reservation. Furthermore, I declare anathema, every heresy against the Holy Catholic Church, and likewise him whosoever has honored or believes any writings beyond those which the Catholic Church accepts ought to be held on the authority or has venerated them. Whatever the Holy and Universal Church believes and praises, I also believe and praise, and whoever they declare anathema, I declare anathema. (DZ349)

I promise obedience to the infallible supreme Pontiff of the Apostolic See and to his successor under the testimony of Christ, affirming what the holy and universal Church affirms and condemning what she condemns. (DZ357) I accept the authority of the Roman Pontiff, that when he shall decide a matter it is forever closed. I accept the laws of the Church as the Church interprets them and reject any interpretation that contradicts the interpretation of the Church. I submit fully to Pope Michael, Successor of St. Peter.

_____ _____

Signature Date

Mail to Office of Pope Michael II., Vienna Austria / Europe, office@vie-official.org

PROFESSION OF FAITH EXPLANATION

1. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. I renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his allurements.
2. I accept everything the holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, as She teaches and believes them, especially those things which are *de fide*; of faith.
3. I reject each and every error, which the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church rejects, as She rejects and condemns them, without reservation. Furthermore, I declare anathema, every heresy against the Holy Catholic Church, and likewise him whosoever has honored or believes any writings beyond those which the Catholic Church accepts ought to be held on the authority or has venerated them. Whatever the Holy and Universal Church believes and praises, I also believe and praise, and whoever they declare anathema, I declare anathema. (DZ349)
4. I promise obedience to the infallible supreme Pontiff of the Apostolic See and to his successor under the testimony of Christ, affirming what the holy and universal Church affirms and condemning what she condemns. (DZ357) I accept the authority of the Roman Pontiff, that when he shall decide a matter it is forever closed. I accept the laws of the Church as the Church interprets them and reject any interpretation that contradicts the interpretation of the Church. I submit fully to Pope Michael, Successor of St. Peter.

Comments

This Profession of Faith was compiled from previous Professions of Faith as noted in the notes in parentheses. (The *DZ* is a reference to Denzinger's Enchiridion Symbolorum.) We have numbered this so that it may be taken section at a time.

1. This is the Apostles Creed, the core of the Catholic Faith.
2. This was inspired by the Formula prescribe for all the cities of the Eastern Church at the Lateran Council in 1102 (DZ 357) *… , affirming what the holy and universal Church affirms and condemning what she condemns.*
3. *Likewise, all other things I accept and profess, which the Holy Roman Church accepts and professes, and I likewise condemn, reject, and anathematize, at the same time all contrary things, both schisms and heresies, which have been condemned by the same Church.* (DZ 1473) This is from the Profession of Faith prescribed for the Orientals on March 16, 1743 by Pope Benedict XIV in the Constitution Nuper ad nos. The part in the Profession is taken from the Symbol of Faith of Pope Saint Leo IX, April 13, 1053.

4. *I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Blessed Peter, the prince of the Apostles and the vicar of Jesus Christ.* DZ 1473) This is from the Profession of Faith prescribed for the Orientals on March 16, 1743 by Pope Benedict XIV in the Constitution Nuper ad nos. The Profession was inspired by the Lateran Council in a formual prescribed for the Eastern Church (1102; DZ 357): *I declare anathema every heresy and especially that one which disturbs the present Church, which teaches and declares that excommunication is to be despised and that the restrictions of the Church are to be cast aside. Moreover, I promise obedience to Paschal, the supreme Pontiff of the Apostolic See, and to his successors under the testimony of Christ and the Church, affirming what the holy and universal Church affirms and condemning what she condemns.*