

6 Our Creed

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

A Articles of Faith

All our actions, attitudes and behaviour are based on what we believe in.

What do you believe in? Maybe no one has ever asked you that question directly. What would your answer be? Make a list of things that you believe in the spaces below.

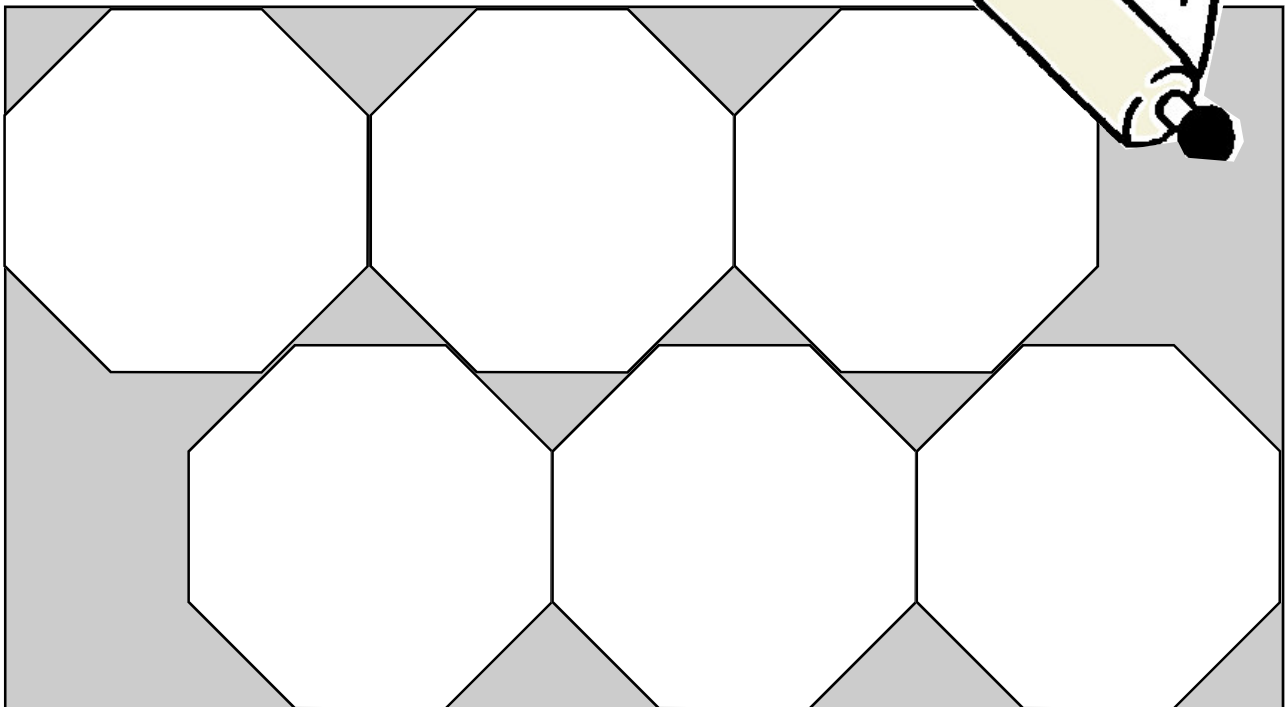
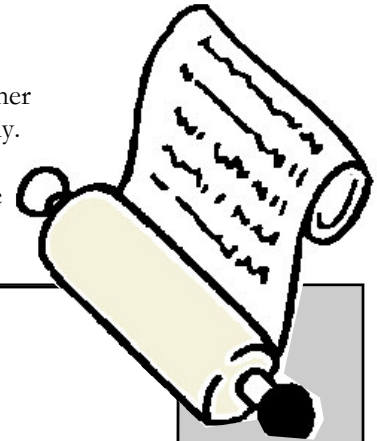
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In the Church too we have a set of things that we believe in. They are a list of “**articles**” listed in a statement that is often called the **CREED**. We recite it together every Sunday at Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist, following the priest’s homily.

There are two main versions of the **CREED**: the **Apostles Creed** and the **Nicean Creed**. Some different words and phrases are used but the meaning is the same. Can you make a list of “articles” you remember from the Creed.



Now read the text of the Creed and compare. Fill in any gaps about articles of faith you left out in your list.

B Other issues

Every group, organisation, community or Faith stands for a set of clear beliefs. There are also however other issues that are very important for each of these communities.

These are the values that people hold — these determine how members of that community behave and live their lives. They determine their views about certain moral issues or dilemmas that come up in our lives from time to time.

Have there been any issues you have heard about recently in the media? ... Any pressure groups talking about their big issue.



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Think about the following issues. What do Catholics say about them? What does the Catholic Church say about each of them? Do you agree? Make brief notes in the spaces below.

**The Family,
Marriage, etc.**

**Life issues:
Abortion,
Euthanasia,
etc...**

**The
Environment**

C Not just words but practice too.

To be a Catholic is to believe in all the articles of faith that the Church holds and teaches. To be a Confirmed Catholic means to confirm that you want to be part of this community who profess such a Creed ... you confirm you want to be part of this Faith.

Use the space below to write about your feelings about the issues discussed in this session. Our Creed ... what we believe in ... what makes us decide and behave in a certain way... How do you feel about embracing all that the Church teaches and believes in?
