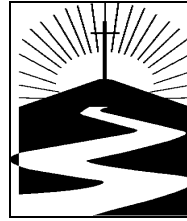


STUDY GUIDE TO THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH - August, 2013



October 11, 2012 – November 24, 2013



ARTICLES 10, 11 & 12

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

•If you are interested in exploring this Article of Faith with your children, you can read questions 150 – 151, 152-165, and 224 – 239 in the *YOUCAT* (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church).

We would encourage you to explore the meaning of this article of faith at home by reading the Bible:

1 Kings 4: 1-7, Isaiah 22: 19-23, Matt 16: 16-19, Jn 20: 22-23, Acts 22: 16, Eph 4: 5,

2 Macc 12:42-46, Matt 12:32, Jn 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 3: 12-15, 19-20, Rev 21: 3-5;

22:1-5, Rom 8:21, 14:8

These Articles of Faith are also explored in depth in the following sections of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

- Christ died "once for all" (571)
- There is no sin that cannot be forgiven if sincerely repented (982)
- Christ gave the power to bind and loose sins to the apostles (553)
- All of the sacraments forgive sins & the sacrament of Confession is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sins committed after Baptism (985, 986, 987)
- Man has been created with free will to enable him to participate in the life of God (1731)

- There are degrees of gravity in sin: mortal and venial (1854, 1855)
- Hell is the state of definitive and everlasting self-exclusion from God; It is chosen by those who persist in mortal sin without repentance (1033)
- Purgatory is the state of purification after death in which souls are cleansed from all remaining stain of sin in preparation for union with God in Heaven (1030, 1031)
- Heaven is the state of perfect and everlasting union with God and all those who are united to Christ (1023, 1024)

If you wish to join us for a more detailed explanation of this Article of Faith, we will be meeting Sunday, August 4th, at 7:00 PM in the School Library. Sunday night we will be studying these articles by viewing and discussing lesson 10 of the DVD Series, *Catholicism*, by Father Robert

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Barron, "World Without End - The last Things"

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To go into greater depth with this Article of Faith, we would ask that you consider some additional reading and joining our online Book Club



Book Title & Description

To Whom Shall We Go? Lessons from the Apostle Peter

by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Our Sunday Visitor

To be a Christian today, to follow Our Lord and accept His call to discipleship, demands heroic courage. It takes deep faith to live the particular - special, unique - vocation that's yours alone. Heaven knows it isn't easy. St. Peter knows it, too. He's well aware that even the most enthusiastic and committed Christian can become frightened and unsure, can make mistakes and betray a loved one, can seek and receive forgiveness, can begin again and - with an even stronger faith - can go on to face life's most difficult challenge.

Can be purchased at www.amazon.com \$11.00.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter to lead his Church?
2. Why did Christ give us a Pope? What purposes does he serve? What gifts and weaknesses of Peter did Christ use to bring the Gospel?
3. Peter's faith grows and matures over time. What was Peter like when he first encountered the Lord? How did he change? How did he remain the same?

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