

7th Grade Summer One-Pager Assignment – Religion Class

Topic: *The Nicene Creed – What We Believe as Catholics*

Due: MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2025

Total Points: 100

I. Why This Assignment?

In 7th grade, your Religion class will focus on **Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, and the truths of our Catholic faith**. One of the most important prayers of our faith is the **Nicene Creed**—a summary of what Catholics believe, prayed together at Mass.

This summer, you will explore the **meaning** of the Nicene Creed and begin **memorizing** it. Knowing the Creed by heart helps you to pray it with purpose, defend your faith with confidence, and grow closer to God.

II. Instructions for Students:

Create a **one-page project** to show your understanding of the **Nicene Creed**, and begin memorizing it in preparation for 7th grade.

III. Your One-Pager Must Include:

1. **Title (5 points):** A creative title that reflects the purpose of the Creed (e.g., “*I Believe*”, “*The Creed of the Church*”, or “*What Catholics Profess*”).
2. **Summary of the Creed (40 points)**

Break the Nicene Creed into its **main parts**, and explain each part in your own words (1–2 sentences per section).

Include:

- Belief in God the Father
- Belief in Jesus Christ (birth, life, death, resurrection)
- Belief in the Holy Spirit
- Belief in the Church
- Belief in forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life

Use this version of the Creed: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/nicene-creed>

3. **Key Phrases (10 points):** Choose **2–3 important lines** from the Creed and highlight or decorate them on your one-pager. Examples:
 - “God from God, Light from Light...”
 - “He suffered death and was buried...”

- “One, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church...”

4. **Visual Elements (10 points):** Add symbols or drawings that represent the key truths of the Creed (e.g., the Trinity, the cross, the Church, the dove, etc.).

5. **Faith Reflection (15 points) -** Write a **short reflection** (3–5 sentences):

- What part of the Creed do you find most powerful or inspiring?
- Why do we say the Creed at Mass?
- How does this help you grow in your faith?

6. **Memorization Practice (10 points):** **Begin memorizing** the full Nicene Creed over the summer. You will be asked to **recite or write it from memory** during the first weeks of school. To prepare:

- Read the Creed out loud regularly.
- Copy it by hand once a week.
- Pray it during Sunday Mass.

You don’t need to include the full text on your one-pager—but keep practicing!

7. **Neatness, Creativity & Effort (10 points)**

Make your page neat, colorful, organized, and thoughtful. Use your best effort.

IV. **Grading Rubric (Total: 100 points)**

Category	Points
Creative Title	5
Summary of the Creed (by sections)	40
Key Phrases Highlighted	10
Symbols or Drawings	10
Faith Reflection	15
Memorization Practice Commitment	10
Neatness, Creativity, and Effort	10
Total	100

Late Work Policy – Summer Assignment

1. Due Date: Monday, August 18, 2025

All summer assignments must be turned in on or before the due date. Late submissions will receive point deductions based on how many days late they are.

2. Late Work Penalty:

- **1 day late (Aug 19):** -5 points
- **2 days late (Aug 20):** -10 points
- **3 days late (Aug 21):** -20 points
- **4 days late (Aug 22):** -30 points
- **After Friday, August 28: 0 points (no credit will be given)**