



**PROFESSION OF FAITH
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I, _____, with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the symbol of faith, namely:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. 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. Amen.

With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether by way of solemn judgment or through the ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed definitively by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops, enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium, even if they proclaim those teachings by an act that is not definitive.

OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING OFFICE

In assuming the office of _____,
I promise that both in my words and in my conduct I shall always preserve
communion with the Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on
me toward both the universal Church and the particular Church in which,
according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my
service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall
hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety, I shall faithfully hand it on and
explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings opposed to that faith.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the whole Church and I
shall observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in
the Code of Canon Law.

In Christian obedience I shall unite myself with what is declared by the
bishops as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them
as those responsible for the governance of the Church; I shall also faithfully
assist the diocesan bishops, in order that the apostolic activity exercised in
the name and by mandate of the Church may be carried out in the
communion of the same Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Done at _____, on this _____
day of _____, 20____, in the presence of the
undersigned duly authorized witness.

Seal

Witness