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A CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD

IN WHOM I REJOICE:

HOLY IS THE ONE, THE CREATOR, THE ALL MIGHTY  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE,  
GOD OF PATRIARCHS, PROPHETS, PSALMISTS AND SAGES,  
THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.

I BELIEVE GOD GAVE US A SERVANT SON, SAVIOR, REDEEMER,

PROPHET, PRIEST, TEACHER, PHYSICIAN AND KING,

AN EXEMPLAR

JESUS AS MESSIAH, THE ANOINTED ONE,

CHRIST, OUR LORD,

IN WHOM ALL GODLINESS LIVED: WHO BEING AT ONE WITH GOD,  
WAS ONE WITH US IN NATURE; IN ALL THINGS OVERCOMING SIN.

GOD'S HOLY ONE, JESUS, GIVEN FOR OUR RECONCILIATION,

WE CRUCIFIED AND PUT TO DEATH UNDER THE LAW.

I BELIEVE GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD AND MADE HIM CHRIST

THROUGH RESURRECTION TO A NEW KINGDOM,

WHERE AS JUDGE, KNOWING LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION,

CHRIST, OF THOSE ASLEEP, THE FIRST TO RISE,

IS OUR PROMISE OF EVERLASTING LIFE: WHO LIVES FOREVER

PRESENT AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD IN GLORY.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AS GOD'S WORD, WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE;

OUR GOOD SHEPHERD, TRUE VINE AND BREAD OF HEAVEN,

THE LAMB OF GOD ; GOD'S MEDIATOR, RECONCILER

AND THE COVENANT WITH US.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD:

SPEAKING IN THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD;  
IN THE PROPHETS, APOSTLES, SAINTS, MARTYRS,  
CONFESSORS AND SAGES THROUGHOUT GOD'S GOOD CREATION;  
GOD RAISING UP GENERATIONS, MEN AND WOMEN,  
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE AND DIE RIGHTFULLY TO GOD  
AND REJOICE IN SALVATION.

I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

THE BODY OF CHRIST, AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S GRACE,  
SCHOOL OF SALVATION, HOME OF SINNERS AND SANCTIFIED:  
SINS ARE FORGIVEN,  
THE HUNGRY ARE FED,  
THE NAKED ARE CLOTHED,  
THE HOMELESS ARE SHELTERED,  
THE BROKEN ARE HEALED,  
THE DISTRESSED ARE COMFORTED,  
THE BLAMELESS ARE JUSTIFIED,  
AND TO ALL WHO ARE IN NEED HELP IS GIVEN;  
GOD'S PROMISES ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LOVE OF SAINTS  
FOR THE BLESSING OF ALL SOULS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST;  
WHERE IN WE SHOULD BE A BLESSING ONE FOR ANOTHER  
AWAITING CHRIST'S COMING IN THE GLORY OF GOD.

I BELIEVE IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME:

GOD'S HOUSEHOLD WILL BE ONE;  
IN ALL THE LOVE OF GOD SHALL BE COMPLETE  
AND ALL CREATION WILL RETURN IN GLORY TO GOD  
THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.

AMEN.