



Session 3: THE PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

With the catechumenal formation of the Elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed. The Creed is presented during the Sunday Mass; the Elect listen to the Creed and are then dismissed.

Dismissal

After the Elect are dismissed from Mass, they move with the catechist to another area which has a sacred space arranged and comfortable seating for those gathered. Today at Mass we heard readings from ... (name the readings e.g. Isaiah or Matthew).

1. Tell me something that you heard from the Mass or the readings at Mass.
2. Let's go back and look at the gospel again. Read from the Bible and as you read this, focus on what you might have seen if you had been there. Share your thoughts if you would like to.
3. Read the passage again and pay attention to what might have been heard such as background sounds, people talking. Pay attention to the questions that Jesus or the disciples ask.
4. Now that you have heard this gospel, what will it mean for you this week? Has this created a new impression for you about God or the Church? What is Jesus saying to you? Make a commitment about what you will do differently from now on.

Activity Book - Gospel Space

In your Activity Book (page 33), after listening to and discussing the gospel, write down what you think Jesus is asking you to do this week.

Exploring

What we have received today - The Creed

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The Creed goes back to the time of Jesus, who commanded his disciples to baptise. They required people seeking Baptism to make a profession of a definitive faith, namely faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that is the Trinity.

In it are all the treasures of what we believe.

The first believers said the Creed with tears in their eyes as they went down into the baptismal waters. It was personal, heartfelt, and precious. It was said at the moment they threw their hat in with the Christian community—at the moment they were saying “Yes” to the maker of heaven and earth and “No” to all the other powers that tried to lay claim on their lives.

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The Creed gives us a set of beliefs that build the foundation of the faith Christ passed on to the apostles. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving the apostles to continue His mission on earth through the Church, He gave the apostles a mission.



Matthew 28:19- 21

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Activity Book

In your Activity Book (page 34), answer the following questions:

What stands out for you when you hear the Creed?

What is God inviting you to do?



Prayer

Before we leave today, let us ask for God's blessing upon our week with a modified prayer from Numbers 6:24-26.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the LORD bless us and keep us;

May the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us;

May the LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.