

## PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE: BALTIMORE CATECHISM (P1/L1) 2025/26

### PRAYERS

- I. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.”
- II. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit”
- III. Saints and Virtue:
  - A. Saint Matthew the Evangelist
  - B. Faith

### SACRED SEVEN—TRUE/FALSE

- \_\_\_ 1. The soul of each human person comes from his parents.
- \_\_\_ 2. The soul reflects God in that it is eternal.
- \_\_\_ 3. Hell will be the final state of evil men and angels whose punishment is to lose their existence entirely.
- \_\_\_ 4. God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth.
- \_\_\_ 5. It is always selfish to desire happiness, so we should never focus on being happy.
- \_\_\_ 6. Jesus Christ desires to teach His Gospel and to bring His work to completion through the cooperation of human persons with Him.
- \_\_\_ 7. All people have the capacity to come to knowledge of God through the natural light of human reason, but grace is required for a person to accept God’s special revelation.

### BC 1: THE PURPOSE OF MAN’S EXISTENCE

- I. “Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorum caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.”
  - A. God—Supreme Being—infinately perfect in goodness, truth, and beauty:
    - 1. Created all things from nothing and keep them in existence
      - a. To show forth His goodness, truth, and beauty
      - b. To share with us His everlasting happiness in Heaven (destiny)— “resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitae venturi saeculi. Amen.”
    - 2. How we fulfill the desire and will of the Father, follow The Way to this destination, and remain in the truth, freedom, life, and love of the Holy Spirit:

- a. Know God—by the Truth that makes us free for holy love and eternal life
- b. Love God—with all my heart and soul, mind and strength, and love others and myself in the light and power of this love through grace
- c. Serve God—through formation in knowledge, by worship in Spirit and Truth, by a life that continues God's work, by beginning, continuing and every activity in prayer—aware and presence and grace

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- B. Man: created by God, for God, in God's image and likeness, to exercise creative and fruitful dominion over creation:
  - 1. "Till" and "keep"
  - 2. God's blessing: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28)
  - 3. Humans, in league with angels, complete the work begun by God, offering this service up to God in thanksgiving:
    - a. We accept everything as a blessing and gift from God
    - b. And then offer everything as a blessing up to God

## II. Formation or Malformation of the Soul—Intellect, Will, and Memory:

- A. From the Father, through the Son and His Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit (divinizing grace)
- B. Credo = Summation of the chief truths given to the Church by Christ:
  - 1. To form my intellect,
  - 2. To be held in my memory
  - 3. To inform my thoughts, words, and deeds
- C. False prophets, in contrast, teach, under Satan, that our happiness is found, not in God and Heaven, but in:
  - 1. The pride of Satan (individual will power replaces God's authority, and is exercised for my pleasure and profit, for God's pleasure and glory)
  - 2. The vanity of the world—wealth and fame
  - 3. The pleasures of the flesh

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### **TABLE TALK QUESTION**

What does Christ mean by saying “the gate is wide, and the way is easy, that leads to destruction,” whereas “the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life” (Matthew 7:13-14)?

### **QUESTIONS/MISSION/BLESSING**