

One, Holy Catholic, Apostolic

I. the Church is one:

- A. in the Trinity – one source: the Father, one founder: Jesus (His life and teaching), one soul: the Holy Spirit (His fruits, gifts, and charisms).
- B. in the 7 sacraments
- C. in faith, hope and charity
- D. in union with its head:
 - 1. Jesus is the invisible head,
 - 2. the pope is the visible head.
- E. in its mission – to give God glory and to save souls.
- F. the Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church (LG8, CCC 816):
 - 1. the Church of Christ = the Catholic Church.
 - 2. only the Catholic Church has the fullness of grace and truth.
 - 3. partial grace and truth can be found outside the Catholic Church.

II. the Church is holy:

- A. its source (the Trinity) is holy.
- B. its 7 sacraments are holy
- C. its theological virtues are holy
- D. its saving truth is holy
- E. its saints in Heaven are holy
- F. its members on earth (the baptised) in the state of grace are holy (although not all of its members are holy)
- G. its end (ultimate and proximate) is holy

III. the Church is catholic

- A. universal – for all people and for all time.
- B. orthodox – fullness of grace and truth, all the means of salvation.

IV. the Church is apostolic:

- A. built on the foundation of the apostles.
- B. her teaching comes from the apostles.
- C. there is an unbroken chain (2,000 years) of successors that come from the apostles (the pope is the successor of St. Peter and the bishops are the successors of the apostles).