

What Do I Believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

I believe in sonship, brotherhood and fatherhood; daughterhood, sisterhood and motherhood.
God uses all of these stages to draw us to Him and form us into His likeness. Our sonship or
daughterhood stories, good or bad, create in us a desire to know our true Father more.
Experiencing true brotherhood or sisterhood propels us toward the goal of truly being a family.
This is best exemplified within the gathered people of God. Fatherhood exposes to us His heart,
His desire and channels within us true love and a deep need for His guidance and counsel versus
our own.

Finally, I believe in family. Not just the biological nuclear version, but our constant need as
humans to gather people into units which love, protect, correct and lead one another. This
happens biologically, socially and globally in good times and in bad. There's a reason beyond
survival that human beings stick together. When our issues drive us apart, we always try to
rebuild. This speaks loudly of what we are.