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PART 1. THE CREED

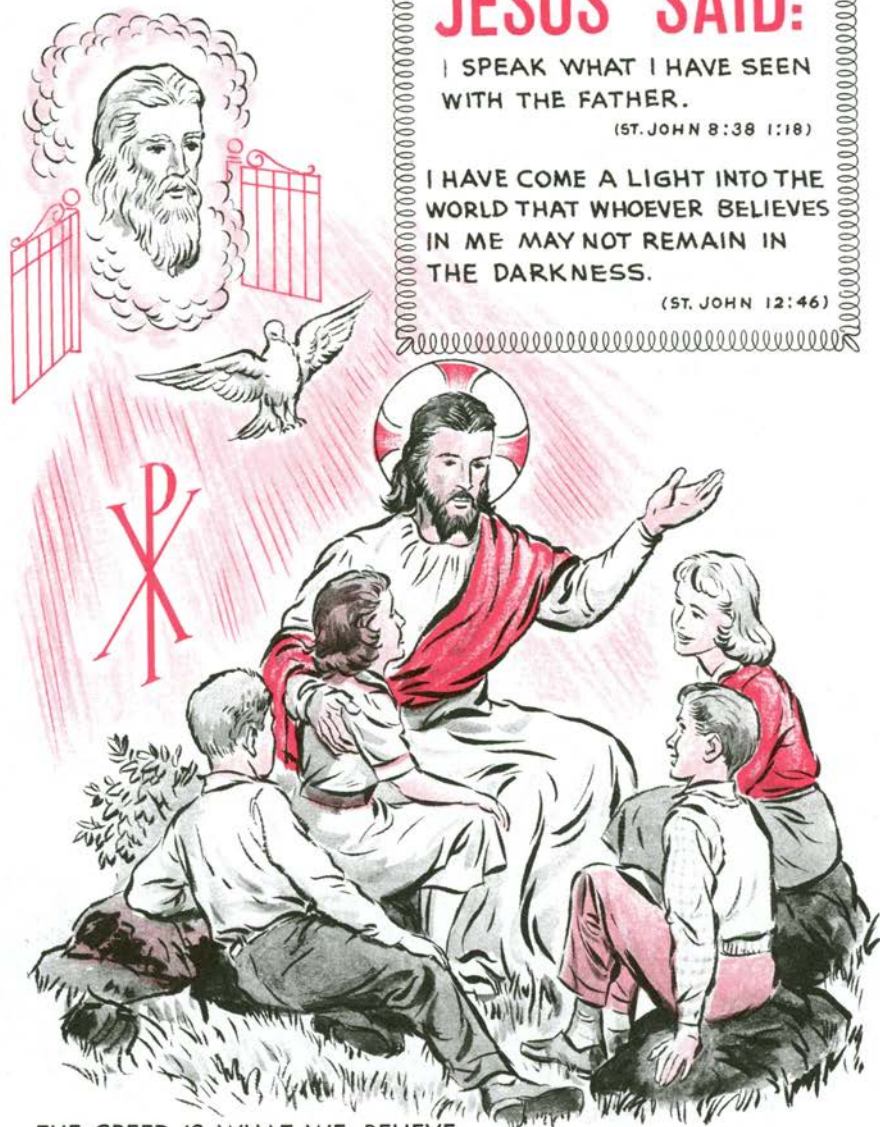
JESUS SAID:

I SPEAK WHAT I HAVE SEEN
WITH THE FATHER.

(ST. JOHN 8:38 1:18)

I HAVE COME A LIGHT INTO THE
WORLD THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN ME MAY NOT REMAIN IN
THE DARKNESS.

(ST. JOHN 12:46)



THE CREED IS WHAT WE BELIEVE:

It is what God teaches us through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has come into the world to teach us all truth. We must try to live by all He teaches us through His Church.

LESSON 9 — The Holy Spirit and Grace

“... I believe in the Holy Spirit ...”



God's Gifts to Adam



The Devil's Gifts to Us



Christ's Gifts to Us

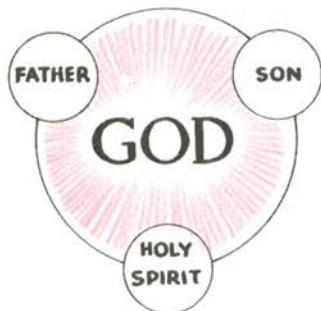
“Where the offense has abounded, grace has abounded yet more” (Romans 5, 20).

Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, pours down His gifts on us, gifts greater than those lost by Adam, gifts which overcome for us the evil gifts of the devil. (See Lesson 5.)

A. THE HOLY SPIRIT

105. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.



The Holy Spirit, symbolized by a dove, comes from the Father and the Son like love from the heart. He is the mutual Love of the Father and the Son.

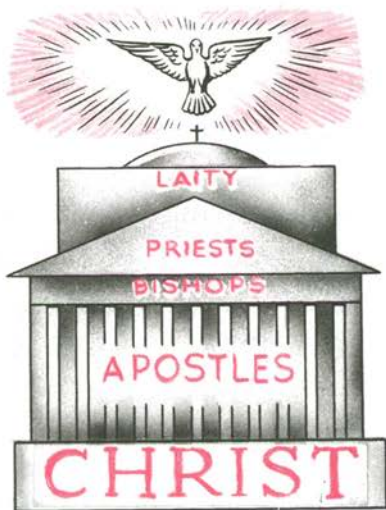
LESSON 11 — The Catholic Church

"I believe in . . . the holy catholic Church . . ."



PENTECOST — the day the Church began its work. Read Acts, Chapter 2.

"You are now no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 2, 19-22).



The Church — God's building.

LESSON 25 — Confirmation



Peter and John Confirming the Samaritans (Acts 8, 14-17).

330. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.



In Baptism we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation the Holy Spirit gives us power to grow from infancy to adulthood in the life of grace, with the strength of a soldier to fight for Christ.



Power is given, as it was to the Apostles on Pentecost, to love God as a soldier loves his country and to spread our Faith.

331. Who is the usual minister of Confirmation?

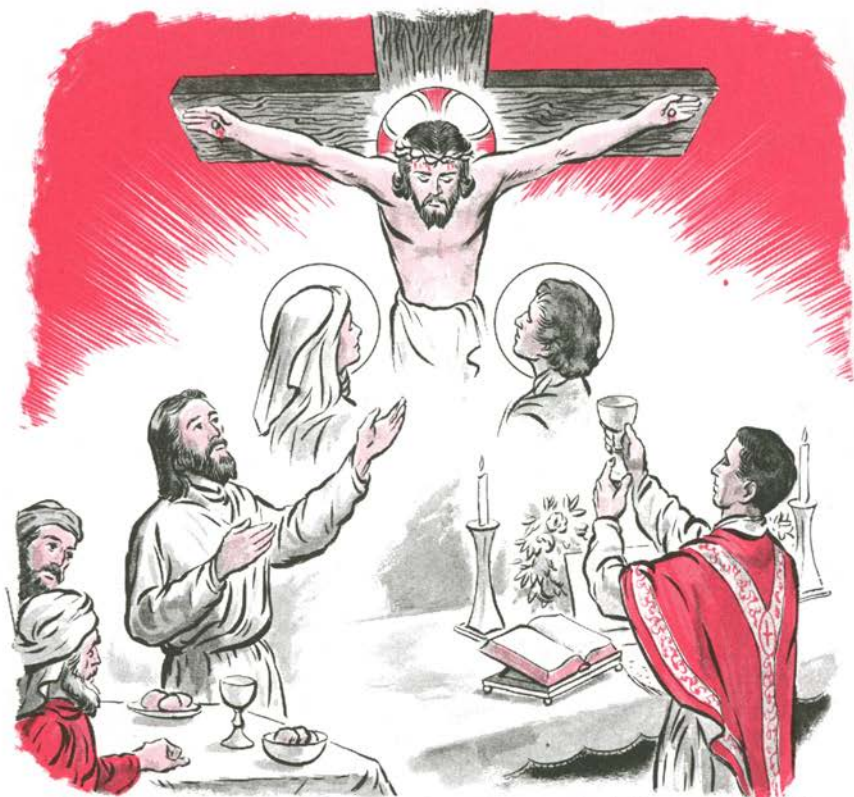
The bishop is the usual minister of Confirmation.

332. What does the bishop do when he gives Confirmation?

The bishop extends his hands over those who are to be confirmed, prays that they may receive the Holy Spirit, and, while laying his hand on the head of each person, anoints the forehead with holy chrism in the form of a cross.

LESSON 27 — The Sacrifice of the Mass

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AS A SACRIFICE



"Walk in love, as Christ also loved us and delivered Himself up for us an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5, 2).

A. THE MASS — A SACRIFICE

357. What is the Mass?

The Mass is the sacrifice of the New Law in which Christ, through the ministry of the priest, offers Himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine.

The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ offered in a sacramental manner. This means that it is offered, not under its natural appearances, as it was on Calvary, but under other appearances, the appearances of the sacramental signs. The reality is the same but the appearances differ.