



## The Form of Receiving a Convert

I, N. N., having before my eyes the holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand, and knowing that no one can be saved without that faith which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church holds, believes, and teaches; against which I grieve that I have greatly erred, inasmuch as, having been born outside that Church, I have held and believed doctrines opposed to her teaching; I now, enlightened by the grace of God, profess that I believe the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church to be the one true Church established on earth by Jesus Christ, to which I submit myself with my whole heart. I firmly believe all the articles that she proposes to my belief; I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all she commands me. And especially I profess that I believe: One only God in three divine Persons, distinct from and equal to each other - that is to say, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

The Catholic doctrine of the Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and the personal union of the two Natures, the divine and the human; the divine Maternity of the most holy Mary, together with Her most spotless virginity; and also Her Immaculate Conception;

The true, real, and substantial presence of the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ, together with His Soul and Divinity, in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist;

The seven sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ, for the salvation of mankind: that is to say, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, Matrimony.

I also believe in Purgatory, the resurrection of the dead, and everlasting life;

The primacy, not only of honor, but also of jurisdiction, of the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, prince of the apostles, vicar of Jesus Christ;

The veneration of the Saints and of their images;

The authority of apostolic and ecclesiastical traditions, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret and understand only in the sense which our holy Mother the Catholic Church has held, and does hold, to whom alone it belongs to judge of their meaning and interpretation;

And everything else that has been defined and declared by the sacred Canons and by the general Councils, especially by the holy Council of Trent, and by the Council of the Vatican.

With a sincere heart, therefore, and with unfeigned faith, I detest and abjure every error, heresy, and sect opposed to the said Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church. So help me God, and these His holy Gospels, which I touch with my hand.