



C. Structure of the Catechism

This Catechism is composed of three parts: “The Faith of the Church,” “The Prayer of the Church,” and “The Life of the Church.” This division reflects the very essence of Christian salvation. In the prayer of the Anaphora, while remembering all the events of salvation history—the crown being the Passover of Christ—the Church professes the foundational truths of the Christian faith. These truths, along with an explanation of the Symbol of Faith, are presented in Part One of the Catechism.

Part Two of the Catechism develops the liturgical understanding of Christ’s Passover, based upon the words of Christ’s institution of the Eucharist at the Mystical Supper [Last Supper] and as cited by the Anaphora. This is the Eucharistic heart from which proceed all the cycles of Church’s liturgical prayer (daily, weekly, yearly); from which flow the Holy Mysteries and their celebration; and from which spiritual life is born, and devotion flourishes.

By faith and prayer the Church is filled with grace for the sanctification of humankind and the transformation of all spheres of human existence. The spiritual and moral dimensions of personal, family, and socio-political life, prayerfully remembered in the Anaphora, are presented in Part Three of the Catechism. (# 9 - 11)



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7. Name the three Structures of the Catechism and a brief explanation of each.

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Group Discussion

3. How are these parts connected to each other?

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