

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

PART III

**THE INCARNATION  
AND REDEMPTION**

*DID GOD ABANDON MAN AFTER  
ADAM FELL INTO SIN?*

God did not abandon man after Adam fell into sin, but promised to send into the world a Savior to free man from his sins and to reopen the gates of heaven.

*WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL  
MEN?*

The Savior of all men is Jesus Christ.

*WHAT IS THE CHIEF TEACHING  
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?*

The chief teaching of the Catholic Church about Jesus Christ is that He is God made man.

*WHY IS JESUS CHRIST GOD?*

Jesus Christ is God because He is the only Son of God, having the same Divine nature as His Father.

*WHY IS JESUS CHRIST MAN?*

Jesus Christ is man because He is the Son of the Blessed Virgin Mary and has a body and soul like ours.

*IS JESUS CHRIST MORE THAN  
ONE PERSON?*

No, Jesus Christ is only one person; and that Person is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

*HOW MANY NATURES HAS JESUS  
CHRIST?*

Jesus Christ has two natures; the nature of God and the nature of man.

*WAS THE SON OF GOD ALWAYS  
MAN?*

The Son of God was not always man, but became man at the time of the Incarnation.

*WHAT IS MEANT BY THE  
INCARNATION?*

By the Incarnation is meant that the Son of God, retaining His Divine nature, took to Himself a human nature, that is, a body and soul like ours.

*HOW WAS THE SON OF GOD  
MADE MAN?*

The Son of God was conceived and made man by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*WHEN WAS THE SON OF GOD  
CONCEIVED AND MADE MAN?*

The Son of God was conceived and made man on Annunciation Day, the day on which the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.

*IS ST. JOSEPH THE FATHER OF  
JESUS CHRIST?*

Jesus Christ has no human father, but Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian, or foster father, of Jesus Christ.

*WHEN WAS CHRIST BORN?*

Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Christmas Day in Bethlehem more than nineteen hundred years ago.

*WHAT IS A SUPERNATURAL  
MYSTERY?*

A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we firmly believe because we have God's word for it.

*WHAT IS MEANT BY THE  
REDEMPTION?*

By the Redemption is meant that Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of the whole human race, offered His sufferings and death to God as a fitting sacrifice in satisfaction for the sins of men and regained for them the right to be children of God and heirs of heaven.

**PRAYERS**

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that Thy Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O my God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

ACT OF CHARITY

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

CONFITEOR

I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary ever Virgin, to Blessed Michael the Archangel, to Blessed John the Baptist, to the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Blessed Michael the Archangel, Blessed John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.