

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Content of the Catechism:

Pillar 1: The Profession of Faith (Belief)

- What we believe
- Covers the Nicene Creed line-by-line
- The first pillar is based on Scripture.

Pillar 2: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Worship)

- How we worship
- Covers sacraments and liturgy
- How we get into the story of salvation.
- How we take part in God's plan through the sacraments

Pillar 3: Our Life in Christ (Behavior)

- Moral theology
- How we live our lives as Christians.
- How we interact with Christians, non-Christians and all of God's creation.
- How we live out God's plan for our salvation.

Pillar 4: Christian Prayer (Prayer)

- How we pray
- Covers the "Our Father" line by line.
- Prayer is intimate communication with our Creator.
- Prayer ensures the first three pillars.

Structure of the Catechism:

Part (4 pillars)

- Section
 - Chapter
 - Article
 - "In Brief" - summary of the article
 - Paragraph

Reference numbers:

Every paragraph is referenced - 2865 paragraphs

Small faded numbers are related paragraphs

Catechism references scripture more than any other document. It is a summary of our beliefs as Catholics. It is based on Scripture and Tradition. It is the teaching of the church. It is universal and stands alongside other catechisms – not in place of.