

We Profess, We Believe

Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth

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The beginning of the Nicene Creed	I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
Mark 14:32-42	As Jesus prays in the Garden in agony, He calls God, “Abba, Father.”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults The material from today’s talk follows Chapters 5 & 6.	
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 51	“Though he is totally other, hidden, glorious, and wondrous, he communicates himself to us through creation and reveals himself through the prophets and above all in Jesus Christ, whom we meet in the Church, especially in Scripture and the Sacraments.”
Exodus 3:13-15	God tells Moses “I am who I am.”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 51	“The mystery of God is not a puzzle to be solved. It is a truth to be revered. It is a reality too rich to be fully grasped by our minds.”
Romans 8:14-17 Galatians 4:1-7	Galatians 4:7 – “So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 52	“We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: He is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is Father. (CCC, 239).”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 67	"God's image is a dynamic source of inner spiritual energy drawing our minds and hearts toward truth and love, and to God himself, the source of all truth and love."
CCC, 338	<i>“Nothing exists that does not owe its existence to God the Creator.”</i>

CCC, 340	“God wills the interdependence of creatures.”
CCC, 341	This paragraph discusses the beauty of the universe.
CCC, 343	“Man is the summit of the Creator’s work.”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 55	“From the earliest times, Christian writers and biblical scholars have been aware that the language in the story is symbolic, for the six “days” of creation could hardly be solar days, since Genesis says that the sun was not made until the fourth day.”
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 58	“The Catholic Church, however, has continued to uphold the principle that there is no intrinsic conflict between science and evolution.”*
Romans 1:20	“Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made.”

*For more on the question of evolution and faith see “Catholic Teaching and the Question of Evolution” at <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/evolution.html> with links to *Humani Generis*, writings of Pope Benedict XVI, and an article on what Pope John Paul II say about the question of evolution and faith.

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United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. USCCB, Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006.