

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE
Preview Sheet
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Doctrine reflects the truths that our Church has come to understand over 2,000 years of prayerful thought, lived faith, and conflict. Our Creed not only serves to put words to the core beliefs of our Church, but also allows us to clearly and publicly profess our undying commitment to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the *Catechism* states, “Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith” (CCC #185).

This session will explore our beliefs and the way they remain a firm foundation even as they develop over time. To prepare for this session, please do the following:

- Read paragraphs #185-197 (pp. 51-53) in the *Catechism*.
- Read Cardinal John Henry Newman and the Development of Doctrine (attached)
- Read Faith Seeking Seeking Understanding noting how the section on Jesus Christ developed over time in the Creeds. (attached)