

# Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

## Catholic Beliefs

### Session 1 – Make Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Original Class: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 1**

When did you first realize you are a Catholic and what impact did it make on you? How does your culture play a role in your Catholic faith?

Write about a paragraph.

## Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 2

With reference to *Being Catholic* – Part one Chapter 1 and CCC 144-175

- (a) What does it mean to say “I believe.”?
- (b) In what ways is saying “We believe” similar to and different from saying “I believe”?
- (c) What more than mere intellectual assent is implied by these statements?
- (d) What is the relationship between faith and understanding?

**Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 3**

With reference to *CCC* 185-197 and *I Believe Series* – Issue 1 “Why Creeds?” (Reading Packet)

(a) What is a creed?

(b) From where do creeds come and what are their significance?

(c) What creeds are privileged in the Catholic tradition and why?

# Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 4

With reference to  
*Catholic Update* – “Tradition in the Catholic Church – Why It’s Still Important” (Reading Packet)

- (a) What is intended by the distinction between Tradition and traditions?
- (b) Explain the author's use of the metaphor of the Church as family and what it intends to illuminate regarding the meaning and development of Tradition.
- (c) Explain what is meant by the statement, "Tradition implies change in continuity with the past."

**Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 5**

With reference to *CCC* 74-95 and *Dei Verbum* 1-10

- (a) What is meant by the term “Divine Revelation”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) What guarantees and safeguards the contents of Divine Revelation through the ages?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (c) What is the relationship of the magisterium to the apostolic tradition?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (d) What is the relationship of the magisterium to the Scriptures?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (e) What is meant by the term “hierarchy of truths”?

# Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 6

With reference to  
*Catholic Update* – ““Infallibility and Church Authority: The Spirit’s Gift to the Whole Church”

- (a) What is meant by the term “magisterium”? Who participates in magisterial activity?
- (b) What is the distinction between the extraordinary and ordinary magisterium?
- (c) Under what conditions is a teaching of the magisterium said to be infallible?
- (d) What term is used to describe magisterial teaching that is not infallible? What response to such teaching is expected of the faithful?

### **Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 7**

Give a three sentence definition of what it means, from a Christian perspective, to have faith.

### **Catholic Beliefs – Lesson 1 – Worksheet 8**

Write about a paragraph answer to at least one of the following questions:

1. What is faith? What challenges your faith? When have questions or confusion about your faith led to personal growth?
2. Can you see the dynamic of “change with continuity” that is the hallmark of Tradition in your own life of faith?