

Profession of faith

The profession of faith, also called a "symbol", is a sign of proper recognition of the baptized; in it the central content of faith is expressed and the main truths are synthetically collected which a believer accepts and witnesses on the day of his baptism and shares with the whole Christian community for the rest of his life. "For If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved" (Rom 10:9-10). This text of St. Paul emphasizes how the proclamation of the mystery of faith requires a profound conversion not only in one's own words, but also and above all in one's own vision of God, of oneself and of the world.

"If we want to work usefully today on the return of the century to light and civilization, to the renewal of public and private life, it is necessary that faith resurrect in us and awaken us from this sleep "that little is more death" a great deal of rebirth of faith, and that they come out of the heart of the Church, new and humble disciples of Christ, souls vibrant with faith, the porters of God, the Sowers of faith! And it must be a faith applied to life. It takes a spirit of faith, ardour of faith, impulse of faith; faith of love, charity of faith, sacrifice of faith! We must fill all human arteries with faith, all the streets of the world... We will still be able to do everything about the multitudes, we will be able to renew Italy and the world in Christ, if we have more faith, if we breathe faith, if we are truly Christian, ardent, industrious, we will live" (Don Orione).

The profession of faith is the distinctive sign of the baptized, in which the central nucleus and the principal truths of our faith are expressed. With your grace, Lord, we wish to profess our faith not only with words, but also with our lives, bearing witness to the trust and hope we place in you: the one and triune God. Grant us to live in communion with the whole Church, which transmits the faith to us and in which we believe, together with all our Christian brothers and sisters. We ask this of you through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

