

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

1. We are the one true Church established by Jesus Christ. (*Mt 16:18*)
2. We are the one true Church with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as our form of worship to God the Father since the inception of the Church. (*Luke 22:19-20*)
3. We are the one true Church with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. (*John 6:52-59*)
4. We are the one true Church with the seven sacraments. (*CCC 1117*)
5. We are the one true Church whose foundation continues under the primacy of the Pope. (*CCC 881*)
6. We are the one true Church with an unbroken lineage to the very first apostles. (*CCC 1555*)
7. We are the one true Church that has the ministerial priesthood, at the service of the baptized. (*CCC 1547*)
8. We are the one true Church that, through the ministerial priesthood, has the authority to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (*John 20:22-23; CCC 1555-1556*)
9. We are the one true Church that has a teaching office, the Magisterium, interpreting Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition as one source of Divine Revelation. (*2 Peter 1:20-21; Dei Verbum*)
10. We are the one true Church that has the fullness of Divine Revelation and the entire means of salvation. (*Dei Verbum*)
11. We are the one true Church that defined the Canon of Sacred Scripture as it is still recognized today. (*Dei Verbum*)
12. We are the one true Church that recognizes our heavenly Mother, the Virgin Mary, and her Immaculate Conception and honors her as the Mother of all mankind. (*CCC 490-495*)

CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church



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CHURCH YEAR FOUNDER

Catholic Church	33	Jesus Christ
Lutheran	1517	Martin Luther
Anglican	1534	Henry VIII
Calvinist	1555	John Calvin
Presbyterian	1560	John Knox
Congregationalist	1582	Robert Brown
Baptist	1609	John Smyth
Methodist	1739	John & Charles
Episcopal		Wesley
Episcopalian	1789	Samuel Seabury
United Brethren	1800	Philip Otterbein & Martin Boehm
Disciples of Christ	1827	Alexander & Thomas Campbell
Mormons	1830	Joseph Smith
Salvation Army	1865	William Booth
Jehovah's Witnesses	1874	Charles Taze Russell
Christian Science	1879	Mary Baker Eddy
Four-Square Gospel	1917	Aimee Semple McPherson
Calvary Chapel	1965	Chuck Smith
Harvest Christian	1972	Greg Laurie
Saddleback Church	1982	Rick Warren