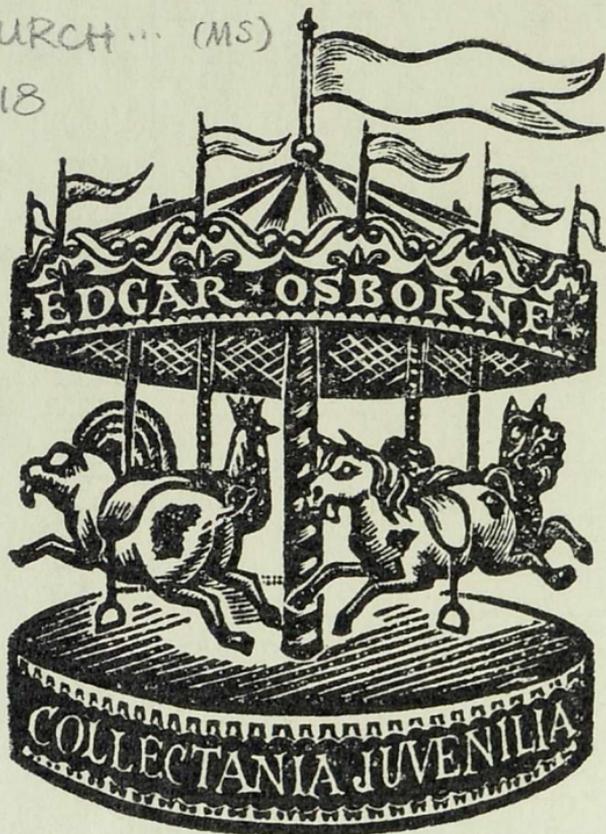




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Catechism.

Question.

WHAT is your Name?

Ans^r. N. or M.

Quest. Who gave you this Name?

Ans^r. My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of heaven.

Quest. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Ans^r. They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and

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and all the sinful lusts of the
flesh. Secondly, that I should be-
lieve all the Articles of the Chris-
tian faith. And thirdly, that I should
keep Gods holy will and command-
ments, and walk in the same all
the days of my life.

Quest. Dost thou not think thou
art bound to believe, and to do,
as they have promised for thee?

Answ. Yes verily; and by Gods
help so I will. And I heartily
thank our heavenly Father, that
he hath called me to this state
of salvation, thro' Jesus Christ
our Saviour. And I pray unto God
to give me his grace, that I may
continue in the same unto my
lifes end.

Catechist. Rehearse the arti-
cles

of thy Belief.

Ans^r. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy Catholic Church; The
Communion of Saints The for-
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of Sins; The resurrection of the Body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief.

Answ. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world. Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind. Thirdly, in God the holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Quest. You said that your God-fathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep Gods commandments. Tell me how many there be?

Answ. Ten.

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Quest. Which be they?

Answ. **T**HE same which God spake
in the twentieth Chapter
of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord
thy God, who brought thee out of
the Land of Egypt, out of the
house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other
Gods, but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself
any graven image, nor the like-
ness of any thing that is in hea-
ven above, or in the earth beneath,
or in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down to them,
nor worship them. For I the Lord
thy God am a jealous God, and
visit the sins of the fathers up-
on the children unto the third
and

and fourth generation of them
that hate me, and shew mercy unto
thousands in them that love me,
and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain: for
the Lord will not hold him
guiltless that taketh his name in
Vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy
the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt
thou labour, and do all that thou
hast to do; but the seventh day
is the sabbath of the Lord thy
God. In it thou shalt do no man-
ner of work, thou, and thy son,
and thy daughter, thy man-ser-
vant, and thy maid-servant, thy
cattle, and the stranger that

is within thy gates. For in Six days
 the Lord made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that in them is,
 and resteth the seventh day;
 wherefore the Lord blessed the se-
 venth day and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and thy
 Mother, that thy days may be long
 in the land which the Lord thy
 God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adul-
 tery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false wit-
 ness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neigh-
 bours house, thou shalt not covet
 thy

thy neighbours wife, nor his servant,
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass,
nor any thing that is his.

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn
by these Commandments?

Answ. I learn two things: my duty
towards God, and my duty towards
my neighbour.

Quest. What is your duty towards
God?

Answ. My duty towards God, is
to believe in him, to fear him,
and to love him with all my
heart, with all my mind, with
all my soul, and with all my
strength; to worship him, to
give him thanks, to put my
whole trust in him, to call
upon him, to honour his holy
name,

Name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

Quest. What is thy duty towards thy neighbour?

Answ. My duty towards my neighbour, is to love him as myself, and to do to all men, as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour and succour my father and mother. to honour and obey the King, and all that are put in authority under him. To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters. To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters. To hurt nobody by word or deed. To be true and just in all my dealing. To bear no malice nor hatred in
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my heart. To Keep my hands from picking and stealing; and my tongue from evil speaking; lying and slandering. To keep my body in temperance, soberness and chastity. Not to covet nor desire other mens Goods; but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living; and do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

Catechist. My Good child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thy self, nor to walk in the commandments of God, and to serve him without his special grace, which thou must learn at all times by diligent

prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lords prayer.

Answ. Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Quest. What desirest thou of God in this prayer?

Answ. I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me and to all

all people; that we may worship him, serve him and obey him as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen. So be it.

Quest. How many sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answ. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation, that is to say, Baptism, and the supper of the Lord.

Quest. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Answ. I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given unto us, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Quest. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Answ. Two: the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

Quest. What is the outward visible

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visible sign, or form in Baptism?

Answ. Water: wherein the person is baptized, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. What is the inward and spiritual grace?

Answ. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

Quest. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Answ. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God, made to them in that Sacrament.

Quest. Why then are infants baptized, when by reason of their
tender

age they cannot perform them?

Ans^r. Because they promise them both by their sureties: which promise when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Quest. Why was the Sacrament of the Lords Supper Ordained?

Ans^r. For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Quest. What is the outward part or sign of the Lords Supper?

Ans^r. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Quest. What is the inward part or thing signified?

Ans^r. The body and blood of Christ

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Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lords Supper.

Quest. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Ans. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the bread and wine.

Quest. What is required of them who come to the Lords Supper?

Ans. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life, have a lively faith in Gods mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and

and be in charity with all
men.

THE END.

...the Lord's will is done
...the Father's will in heaven
...the Son's will on earth
...the Holy Spirit's will in the world

Q. What are the benefits
of these graces? A. They
are the fruits of the Spirit
and the evidence of our
faith in Christ.

THE END

Q. What is the purpose of
this book? A. It is to
show the way to heaven
and to warn us of the
dangers of sin. It is
a book of life and
of judgment. It is
a book of grace and
of mercy. It is a
book of love and
of kindness. It is
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