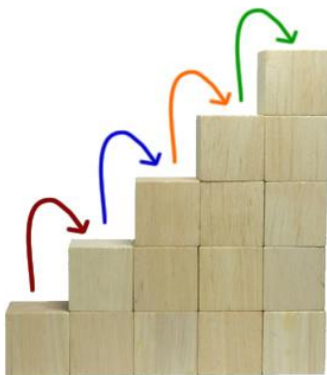


ESSENTIALS FOR CATHOLICS



A LOOK AT THE FOUNDATION AND BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR FAITH

Sundays between the Masses: 9:40 to 10:55 a.m. in the parish Youth Room

First Session on Nicene Creed October 10 – November 14

and continuing through Spring 2011 with other sessions

Christine McKenna as well as other guest presenters

Has anyone ever said something like this to you about your Catholic faith?

1. "Catholics worship Mary".
2. "Divorced Catholics are automatically excommunicated."
3. "Catholics have no real freedom of conscience – they have to obey the pope."
4. "You're Catholic? Oh, well, I'm Christian."
5. "Catholicism is no better or worse than any other faith – all religions lead to God."
6. "You don't really need to confess your sins to a priest. You can go straight to God."
7. "Catholics don't read or follow the Bible – they just believe in their "tradition."
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If you have ever been taken aback or "stumped" by these common myths and misconceptions, and didn't have a ready response, welcome to the club!

St. Madeleine Sophie is offering several series called **ESSENTIALS FOR CATHOLICS** about those beliefs, practices and traditions that are fundamental to our faith.

You are invited to a six-week offering from **October 10 to November 14** about the Nicene Creed, the foundational statement of our faith that we recite at every Mass. This offering is appropriate for anyone – newcomers, those who have been around for a long time, those who are renewing their connection with the Church, and those who are just wondering.

And stay tuned:..... next May we will begin our six week series on The Sacraments.

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