

Faith Sharing Group notes 2025-08-05

Since we are still discussing the Nicene Creed, I passed out comments that pope Leo currently made on the Nicene creed.

The discussion came up on when did the church switch to the Nicene creed from the apostles' creed, and why was it called the Apostles creed. According to an old tradition (going back to at least the 4th century), it was believed that the **twelve Apostles themselves** each contributed one line of the creed before they went out on mission. I have a new hand out on more of this.

As we talked about before the Nicene creed came about because of the Disputes about Jesus' Nature and that there was much discord about it. The early church at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD codified that Divine and Human nature of Jesus and that He was and always will be.

Someone questions what was the difference between the Old Testament and the Torah. The Torah (also called the Pentateuch, meaning "five scrolls/books") refers to the first five books of the Old Testament. These are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. Johnanthan gave us a mnemonic to remember it: GELND.

Some of us shared our assignment from the last meeting from Fr. Schmitz video on "I need to..."

When do we prayer? Some of us spend time in the morning in prayer, and at other various times during the day, some pray the rosary every day, Michael prays it in Latin(!), I prayer it when I am doing regular activities like walking and working around the yard and cleaning as Brother Lawrence would have done. But no matter when and how one prays, it is always a blessing for you and for praising God.

In the Creed it has the Jesus “Rose again” and we discussed what that meant. the Creed is affirming that:

- Jesus truly **died** (was laid low in death).
- And then He truly **stood up again**—He came back to life, risen in glory.
- And as St. Paul said, in **1 Corinthians 15:14**
“And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”
- **1 Corinthians 15:17**
“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

We talked about how the Gospel of John is different in style, content, and focus than the other Gospels in that it is more “mystical”.

Our next readings will be from pages 79-93 which will end the section on the Sone of God.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday august 19th at 5:30.

Blessings as we come near the end of the beautiful summer months,

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