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Whosoever will be saved, \*

before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, \*

without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this: \*

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity,

Neither confounding the Persons, \*

nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, \*

and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, \*

the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, \*

and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, \*

and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, \*

and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, \*

and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals, \*

but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, \*

but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, \*

and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties, \*

but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, \*

and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods, \*

but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, \*

and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords, \*

but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity \*

to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, \*

to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, \*

neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, \*

not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, \*

neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; \*

one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; \*

none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together \*

and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid, \*

the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved \*

must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation \*

that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, \*

that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; \*

and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God and perfect Man, \*

of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; \*

and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who, although he be God and Man, \*

yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, \*

but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, \*

but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, \*

so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, \*

descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, \*

from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies \*

and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; \*

and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith, \*

which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.