

## Manifesto of Faith: The Movie

### Questions and Answers

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<i>(Questions for personal reflection are in italics.)</i>	
<b>Introduction:</b>	
1. Why did Cardinal Muller write the Manifesto?	In the face of growing confusion about the doctrine of the Faith, many bishops, priests, religious and lay people of the Catholic Church requested that he make a public testimony about the truth of revelation.
2. Which document did John Paul II identify as the “safe standard for the doctrine of the faith?”	According to John Paul II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a “safe standard for the doctrine of the faith” ( <a href="#">Fidei Depositum IV</a> ).
3. <i>Have you experienced confusion about matters of the faith?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
4. <i>Have you read the Catechism? (Perhaps a good start would be to read the sections of the Catechism mentioned in the Manifesto.)</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 1: The one and triune God revealed in Jesus Christ</b>	
1. How does the Christian understanding of God differ from the pagan understanding of God?	The distinction of the three persons in the divine unity ( <a href="#">CCC 254</a> ) marks a fundamental difference in the belief in God and the image of man from that of other religions. Religions disagree precisely over this belief in Jesus the Christ.
2. What are the basic truths we must believe about Jesus?	He is true God and true Man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Word made flesh, the Son of God, is the only Savior of the world ( <a href="#">CCC 679</a> ) and the only Mediator between God and men ( <a href="#">CCC 846</a> ).
3. What is a common falsehood about Jesus that we must reject?	That Jesus Christ was just a good person, brother and friend, prophet and moralist.
4. <i>How do you manifest to others that you love and follow Jesus?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
5. <i>Do you have a special relationship with each person of the Trinity? How do you experience God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in your lives?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 2: The Church</b>	
1. When was the Church founded?	The Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross ( <a href="#">CCC 766</a> ).
2. What is the purpose of the Church?	Jesus Christ founded the Church as a visible sign and instrument of salvation ( <a href="#">CCC 816</a> ).

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3. How does the Church serve the redemptive work of Christ?	Through the Church, the redemptive work of Christ becomes present in time and space via the celebration of the Holy Sacraments, especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Holy Mass ( <a href="#">CCC 1330</a> ).
4. What makes the Catholic Church different from all other churches?	The Church conveys with the authority of Christ the divine revelation, which extends to all the elements of doctrine, “including the moral teaching, without which the saving truths of the faith cannot be preserved, explained, and observed” ( <a href="#">CCC 2035</a> ). The Church is not a man-made association whose structure its members voted into being at their will. It is of divine origin. "Christ himself is the author of ministry in the Church. He set her up, gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal ( <a href="#">CCC 874</a> ).
5. <i>Do you think there is an effort in the culture or in the Church to suggest that all religions are equal?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
6. <i>Do you believe <b>you</b> can be saved outside of the Church?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 3: The Sacramental Order</b>	
1. What is the authority of the Church for teaching the truths of the faith?	"Christ himself is the author of ministry in the Church. He set her up, gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal." ( <a href="#">CCC 874</a> )
2. What is the task of the Magisterium?	The task of the Magisterium of the Church is to “preserve God’s people from deviations and defections” in order to “guarantee them the objective possibility of professing the true faith without error” ( <a href="#">CCC 890</a> ).
3. Who is qualified to receive the Eucharist?	“Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion” ( <a href="#">CCC 1385</a> ). From the internal logic of the sacrament, it is understood that civilly remarried divorcees, whose sacramental marriage exists before God, as well as those Christians who are not in full communion with the Catholic Faith and the Church, just as all who are not properly disposed, cannot receive the Holy Eucharist fruitfully ( <a href="#">CCC 1457</a> ) because it does not bring them to salvation.
4. What are the obligations of Catholics in respect to the sacrament of confession?	The confession of sins in Holy Confession at least once a year is one of the Church’s commandments ( <a href="#">CCC 2042</a> )

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5. Why is it that many Catholics receive the Eucharist unworthily?	The current popular practice of confession makes it clear that the conscience of the faithful is not sufficiently formed.
6. Why is celibacy fitting for the priesthood?	Therefore, priests voluntarily opt for celibacy as "a sign of new life" ( <a href="#">CCC 1579</a> ).
7. <i>What are good ways to prepare for worthy reception of the Eucharist? How important is the Eucharist to you?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 4: The Moral Order</b>	
1. Why is it important to follow the moral law?	The "knowledge of the divine and natural law is necessary" to do good and reach this goal ( <a href="#">CCC 1955</a> ). Accepting this truth is essential for all people of good will. For he who dies in mortal sin without repentance will be forever separated from God ( <a href="#">CCC 1033</a> ).
2. What is the source of the moral law?	The moral law is the work of divine wisdom and leads man to the promised blessedness ( <a href="#">CCC 1950</a> ).
3. <i>Do you turn to the Church for guidance about moral issues? Are there any moral teachings of the Church with which you disagree? What have you done to try to understand the reasons for the Church's teachings?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 5: Eternal Life</b>	
1. What does the Church teach about life after death?	Death makes man's decision for or against God definite. Everyone has to face the particular judgement immediately after death ( <a href="#">CCC 1021</a> ). Either a purification is necessary, or man goes directly into heavenly bliss and is allowed to see God face to face. There is also the dreadful possibility that a person will remain opposed to God to the very end, and by definitely refusing His Love, "condemns himself immediately and forever" ( <a href="#">CCC 1022</a> ).
2. What is the "last trial" of the Church? The "greatest deception"?	To remain silent about the Truths of the Faith and to teach people accordingly is the greatest deception against which the Catechism vigorously warns. It represents the last trial of the Church and leads man to a religious delusion, "the price of their apostasy" ( <a href="#">CCC 675</a> ); it is the fraud of Antichrist.
3. <i>What do you think is the best way to prepare for death and the final judgment?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>

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4. <i>Do you think there are truths about which bishops and priests have remained silent? Why do you think they fail to proclaim these truths?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Section 6: The Call</b>	
1. To what activity is every Christian called?	As workers in the vineyard of the Lord, we all have a responsibility to recall the fundamental truths by clinging to what we ourselves have received. We want to give courage to go the way of Jesus Christ with determination, in order to obtain eternal life by following His commandments ( <a href="#">CCC 2075</a> ).
2. What is the particular duty of the bishops and priests?	The duties of bishops and priests are addressed by Paul in his letter to Timothy: "I charge thee, before God and Jesus Christ, Who shall judge the living and the dead, by His coming, and His kingdom: Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. For there shall be a time, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables. But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. Be sober." ( <a href="#">2 Tim 4:1-5</a> ).
3. <i>What efforts do you make to share the Gospel with others?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
<b>Final Questions:</b> John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled!" (John 14:1), quoted at the beginning of the Manifesto of Faith, was spoken by Jesus to his disciples to assure them that at some time they will be with him in heaven.	
1. <i>Why do you think Cardinal Müller begins his document with that quotation from the Gospel of John 14:1?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
2. <i>Did the Manifesto bring you consolation? How?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>
3. <i>What resolutions do you intend to make to follow more closely the admonitions of the Manifesto?</i>	<i>Personal Reflection</i>