

Live Oak Academy Confession of Faith

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

As individuals and as an Academy, our Christian faith is of first, formative, and final importance to us. As Christians we aspire to a vital and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, as revealed authoritatively in the canonical Scriptures, and as proclaimed in all ages by His Body the Church. We encourage all to do likewise.

For the purpose of clearly and publicly making a corporate confession of faith, we adhere to that most eminent of historic creeds, the Nicene Creed, as adopted in the original Greek and Latin by the ancient Church, and as used throughout the Church in all ages since. (For this purpose, minor differences of text and translation are of secondary importance. Those wishing to learn more about the use of the creeds may find it helpful to consult Augustine's sermon "De Symbolo ad Catechumenos," or Philip Schaff's book, "The Creeds of Christendom.")

It is not our goal, as a classical co-operative school, to further the doctrinal conflicts that divide Protestant from Roman Catholic, or Eastern Orthodox from Western Christians. Therefore we have chosen the Creed of the ancient unified Church to be our corporate confession. In accordance with the historic sense of the Creed, we accept the term "catholic" to describe the universal nature of the Church, without partiality or prejudice to any present-day church. As a school, we prefer the Creed to anything we could invent for ourselves or adopt from a modern denomination. We invite all to observe that the Nicene Creed is both honorable and substantial as a basis for Christian agreement, and as a statement of fundamental Christian doctrine.

All Academy directors and teachers must give their solemn and personal assent to the Nicene Creed. We hope, but do not claim or require, that every member or student in the Academy will personally assent to our corporate convictions. We do require and expect that these convictions be granted special authority and respect in all dealings of the Academy per se, and in all of its educational activities.