

So what are some of the most fundamental principles of Old-Catholicism? What is an Old-Catholic?

An Old-Catholic is a baptized Christian who:

- 1) Adheres to the First Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Church.
- 2) Professes the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed in its original formula.
- 3) Assumes theological, liturgical and spiritual continuity with the Ancient Church and its sacred Tradition.
- 4) Affirms Apostolic Succession and the Episcopal-Synodical Polity of the Church.
- 5) Understands Liturgical Worship as Ancient, Mystical and Solemn.
- 6) Needs the Sacraments of the Church.
- 7) Affirms the Apostolic Primacy of Conscience as the highest moral teaching in matters of individual morality.
- 8) Respects the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, as the Spiritual Head of the Church and "Primus inter Pares" (First among Equals) concerning all Bishops.
- 9) Rejects the Papal claim to universal (Episcopal) supremacy over the Church.
- 10) Rejects the modern Dogma of Papal Infallibility.