

Tradition and the Passing On of God's Revelation

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God's Revelation through Tradition

Catholics recognize the authority of _____ and _____ as ways to transmit Divine Revelation. Because both come from God, we can have faith that they are not separate or contradictory.

God the _____ revealed himself to humanity through Jesus Christ, the Eternal _____. God entrusted this Revelation to the _____. Christ commanded them to preach the _____ to the ends of the earth so that all might be _____. The Apostles did this in both preaching and writing, through the power of the _____. The Apostles' teaching authority was passed on to the _____ and _____ who succeeded them, called the _____. In this way apostolic teaching will be handed on to all generations until _____ comes again in glory. This living transmission of the _____ of Jesus Christ is called Tradition.

The _____ Council identified Tradition and Scripture as the two primary ways the _____ passes on God's revealed truth. Together they hand down the _____. Both reveal God to us, so we must _____ both.

Passing On God's Revelation

_____ and _____ can help us to be sure the beliefs and teachings of the Church come from God.

Today the Church teaches the same _____ of God that _____ entrusted to his Apostles. He _____ them to share in his ministry of preaching the truth and proclaiming the _____. The Apostles in turn shared the mission that Christ had entrusted to them with their designated _____, who passed it on, and so forth. The truth that Jesus shared with the first Apostles therefore continues to be _____ today through their successors. This process is called _____. The modern-day successors of the Apostles are the _____, who is the Bishop of Rome, and all the _____



of the Church. Christ continues to teach through this _____, the official teaching authority of the Church. Because of this he is with us until the end of _____.

To ensure that his followers in every time and place would learn the truths necessary for _____, Christ has given the Church a share in his own _____. The doctrine of papal infallibility was formally declared at the _____ Council in 1870. *Infallible* means _____. The Holy Spirit guides the Pope and keeps him from error when he speaks _____ about matters essential to our salvation. The _____ of bishops (which includes the Pope) shares in the gift of teaching infallibly on matters of _____ and _____, especially when they meet as an _____.

