Tradition and the Passing On   
of God’s Revelation

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* “God’s Revelation through Tradition” (article 18)
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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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.