

# Conversations with a Roman Catholic Friend

## A Biblical Response

### I. What I believe

1. The sacred Word of God

2. *The sacred traditions*

*“The word become flesh”*

*The sacraments – dispense grace*

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### 3. The Magisterium

Modeled after the Gospels = Peter  
is the head of the church

12 Apostles

The disciples

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Today = The pope is the head of the church

The bishops

The priests

*This is the teaching authority*

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Only those doctrines that proceed from the Catholic church can be true

The Magisterium is the church's way to interpret 1. and 2.

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## II. Why I believe it

1. Baptized a Catholic, raised and schooled

*2. Grace through sacraments:  
church attendance, confession*

3. Personal relationship with God

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4. Heard voice from God twice

*5. Prayer life*

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- Scriptures are the ultimate authority
- *Purpose of scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- Lesson: a text without a context is either a pretext, or a proof text
- *The best commentary of scripture is scripture itself*
- Example: the word church
- Matthew 16:16; Romans 9:33; I Co. 10:4
- Body of Christ – Ro. 12:5, I Co. 12:12-28, Eph. 1:22-23

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- Only one foundation: I Co. 3:11
- Differences between what Paul and Christ taught while on earth
- Key: ask 4 questions: who is speaking, when, to whom, for what purpose
- Romans 15:8
- Matthew: presents Christ as King, lots of references to the kingdom, and preceding tribulation
- Parables of the kingdom; Sermon on the Mount



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## - The “Our Father”

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done on earth

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us our debts/trespases

Matthew 6:6 - Repetition