

Q&A have questions?

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Q. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DENOMINATION IS CORRECT AND SHOULD BE FOLLOWED?

- SHARON, 17 YRS, DORSET, UK

ANS: First of all the Catholic Church is historically the authentic Church continued from the disciples after Christ (starting with early Christian communities). The authority is given specifically to St. Peter and all the apostles (Mathew 16:18, 18:18) and is continued through the laying of hands as it was in the Old Testament, showing its authenticity. The authority is specific and final. It was the Catholic Church that formulated the Bible. The sacraments of the Church are based on Scripture and finally the Church rests on Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium. Sola Scriptura is not Biblical (2 Thessalonians 2:15). Thus the Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.



Q. WE ARE NOT TO WORSHIP IDOLS, THEN WHY DO WE HAVE STATUES OF JESUS, MOTHER MARY AND OTHER SAINTS?

- STEVE PIUS MATHEW, 14 YRS, AJMAN, UAE

ANS: Exactly! We are not supposed to worship any idols. First of all, we only worship God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We only venerate the saints including Mother Mary. Now we don't worship the statues, but they represent our faith, our piety and our veneration for the persons they portray. They remind us of the saintly lives and gives us a visible presence •

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