

# Owning Your Catholic Identity

As a Catholic Christian, you are challenged every day to live your faith in a world that is not always willing to allow your beliefs to go unchallenged.

Every belief and teaching of the Catholic Church has its roots in the three pillars of truth: Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. However, some “Christians” are trained to challenge Catholic beliefs and teachings by taking Scripture verses out of context, or claiming that *only* Scripture is a valid source for Christian belief, and *only* faith is required for salvation. These beliefs can easily be proven wrong. As Catholics, we belong to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ on Peter, the rock of our faith, and the apostles and disciples.

Maybe you’ve already encountered questions you didn’t know how to answer. If time permits, we’ll have a question and answer session during the workshop, but we want to make sure every question gets answered. If you have a question, please write it on the question sheet. If you leave us your email address or your name and address below, we’ll send you every answer to every question asked (except personal questions)! We’re asking your age, grade, school, and church parish just so we can count who was here; please fill them in even if you don’t leave your name. Your phone number is only needed if you’d like a personal answer to a question or if there’s a faith issue you’d like to discuss; write your question on the back of this page, or put your name and phone number on the question sheet. Answers to personal questions will be confidential. If you don’t want to leave your address, I’ll post the questions and answers, as well as the skit we’re using and the references, on my website at <http://www.luquette.org/oyci>. You can also send me your questions. My email and snail-mail addresses are listed below. Put “OYCI” or “Youth Rally” in the subject of your message so I won’t think it’s spam!

Thank you for Owning Your Catholic Identity!

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