

**Chapter 1 : List of Catholic Symbols and Meanings | Owlcation**

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**Crucifix** The crucifix is a cross with the figure of the body of Jesus Christ attached to it. This is a very common Catholic symbol that is often placed on or above the altar where the Eucharist is celebrated. **What Is the Meaning of the Crucifix?** The crucifix is a symbol of sacrifice and atonement, since, according to the Bible, Jesus died for the sins of the world. His crucifixion and his death soaked up systematic injustice, personal evil, violence and other wrongs, and continue to do so for Catholics everywhere. Unlike other Christian denominations, which use only the cross, the crucifix is a powerful symbol of Catholicism, representing the focal point of the Catholic belief: A crucifix often has the letters "INRI" carved into the wood of the cross. **Alpha and omega depicted in stained glass at Saint Mary Catholic Church.** Alpha and Omega Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They are used at various times in the Church liturgical year. The alpha and omega have been used by Catholics since the fourth century as symbols expressing the confidence of orthodox Christians in the scriptural proofs of God. **What Is the Meaning of Alpha and Omega?** In the book of revelation That is, the first and the last. These two letters symbolize the fact that Christ is the beginning and the end of all creation. **The cross on a hill. The Cross** The most famous and widespread Christian symbol is the cross. It is found wherever there is a Christian presence. In Roman times, the cross was an instrument of torture and public humiliation, and criminals were put to death on crosses. **What Is the Meaning of the Cross?** While the cross has been around long before the advent of Christianity, the Easter story that is, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ has made the cross one of the most recognized icons in the world. The cross symbolizes sacrifice, suffering, repentance, solidarity, and exclusion. These are only a few ways to interpret the cross. Every Catholic applies their own significance to this perennial symbol. It is also usually shining with divine light, pierced presumably from a lance , encircled by a crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes it is shown in the bosom of Jesus Christ. **What Is the Meaning of the Sacred Heart?** On its own, the heart is a symbol of love. It indicates that he was prepared to suffer and die for all people, and that his love is eternal. **Source** The Chi-Rho symbol. The fish symbol on a rock. **The Fish** One of the oldest Christian symbols is the fish. It was used by Christians to identify themselves and each other, often in times of persecution. It is often found in the Roman catacombs, a secret meeting place during the time when the Christians were persecuted for their faith by the Romans. **What Is the Meaning of the Fish?** The fish is based on an acrostic of the initial letters of the Greek words for Jesus Christ. To understand this symbol, you need to know the meaning of the acronym. The Greek word for fish is "Ichthus," which is also an acronym for Jesus. **Fleur-de-Lis** The fleur-de-lis is a stylized lily composed of three petals bound together at their base. The lily has been used in many places throughout history, serving formerly as the emblem depicted on the royal arms of France a historically Catholic nation , and has always represented divinity. **What Is the Meaning of the Fleur-de-Lis?** In one interpretation, the flower is a symbol of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. The whiteness and beauty of the lily is symbolic of the purity of Mary Immaculate. In another interpretation, the lily depicts the Holy Trinity, which consists of the Father God , the son Jesus Christ , and the holy spiritâ€”or one God in three divine persons. The band which hold the three pedals together represents Mary, since it was she who bore the child of God. **A dove depicted in stained glass. The Dove** The dove is a white bird often depicted in the Catholic Church as flying gracefully before a shining aura of light. Sometimes, the dove is carrying an olive branch in its beak. **What Is the Meaning of the Dove?** The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. When Christ was baptized by John the Baptist, a dove descended on him, according Matthew 3: The dove is sometimes depicted with an olive branch in its mouth as a symbol of peace. **Crossed Keys** In Christian art, crossed keys, sometimes known as the Keys of Heaven, are a pair of keys that overlap and interlock, creating an "X. **What Is the Meaning of the Crossed Keys?** The crossed keys represent the metaphorical keys that Jesus promised to St. Peter, empowering him to take binding actions in leading the institution of the Catholic Church. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus says to Peter: I will give you

the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in heaven. Peter was the first pope, and those who succeed him share in the power Jesus gave him. The Lamb One of the most important symbols of Christ is the Lamb. Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God is mentioned in John 1: What Is the Meaning of the Lamb? The whiteness of the Lamb symbolises innocence and purity. Lambs are also often associated with sacrifice in the Old Testament. Christ, the sacrificial lamb, died for the sins of humanity. The lamb can also symbolize subservience to God. The lamb is sometimes portrayed with a flag. What Are the Seven Catholic Sacraments? A sacrament is a religious rite, ceremony, or act that is regarded as an outward, visible sign of inner divine grace. The sacraments are divided into three categories, which are: The Sacraments of Initiation.

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Benson Commentary Hebrews Let us hold fast the profession of our faith " Or, rather, of our hope, as the most approved MSS. The apostle referred to that profession or confession of their hope of eternal life, which believers made at their baptism. For he is faithful that promised " That is, all the promises of God shall be made good to us, if we continue steadfast. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together " For public or social worship; as the manner of some is " Either through fear of persecution, or from a vain imagination that they are above external ordinances; but exhorting one another " To constancy in the faith, zeal and diligence in all works of piety and virtue; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching " That awful day, in which we must appear before the tribunal of God, preceded by the day of death, which is drawing continually nearer, and will fix our character and condition for ever. As also that day of vengeance coming on the Jewish nation, which Christ hath described as so terrible an emblem of the day of final judgment, and the conflagration of the world. From what Christ had said concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and the dreadful calamities awaiting the Jews, as events that should happen during the lives of some who had been present with him about thirty years before the date of this epistle, these Hebrews might infer that these judgments were now near, and doubtless might see them approaching, by the appearing of those signs which our Lord had said should precede them. As believers had an open way to the presence of God, it became them to use this privilege. The way and means by which Christians enjoy such privileges, is by the blood of Jesus, by the merit of that blood which he offered up as an atoning sacrifice. The agreement of infinite holiness with pardoning mercy, was not clearly understood till the human nature of Christ, the Son of God, was wounded and bruised for our sins. Our way to heaven is by a crucified Saviour; his death is to us the way of life, and to those who believe this, he will be precious. They must draw near to God; it would be contempt of Christ, still to keep at a distance. Their bodies were to be washed with pure water, alluding to the cleansings directed under the law: While they derived comfort and grace from their reconciled Father to their own souls, they would adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things. Believers are to consider how they can be of service to each other, especially stirring up each other to the more vigorous and abundant exercise of love, and the practice of good works. The communion of saints is a great help and privilege, and a means of steadfastness and perseverance. We should observe the coming of times of trial, and be thereby quickened to greater diligence. There is a trying day coming on all men, the day of our death. It is evident that those whom he wrote were suffering persecution Hebrews 12 , and that there was great danger that they would apostatize. As these persecutions came probably from the Jews, and as the aim was to induce them to return to their former opinions, the object of the apostle is to show that there was in the Christian scheme every advantage of which the Jews could boast; everything pertaining to the dignity of the great Founder of the system, the character of the High Priest, and the nature and value of the sacrifices offered, and that all this was possessed far more abundantly in the permanent Christian system than in what was typical in its character, and which were designed soon to vanish away. In view of all this, therefore, the apostle adds that they should hold fast the profession of their faith without being shaken by their trials, or by the arguments of their enemies. We have the same inducement to hold fast the profession of our faith - for it is the same religion still; we have the same Saviour, and there is held out to us still the same prospect of heaven. For he is faithful that promised - To induce them to hold fast their profession, the apostle adds this additional consideration. God, who had promised eternal life to them, was faithful to all that he had said. The argument here is: We are dependent on him for grace to hold fast our profession. If he were to prove unfaithful, we should have no strength to do it. But this he never does; and we may be assured, that all that he has promised he will perform. To the service of such a God, therefore, we should adhere without wavering; compare the notes on 1 Corinthians Hope rests on faith, and at the same time quickens faith, and is the ground of our bold confession 1Pe 3: Hope is similarly

Heb The profession of our faith; an outward exhibition to the world both in word and deed, as we have it sincerely in our hearts, solemnly owning it in the ordinances of God in his church, of the hope we have in Christ our High Priest, and of all that he hath purchased for us, and promised to perform in us and to us, Hebrews 3: Without wavering; aklinh, without any declining from it, either to the right or left, from the first and due state of it; not warping or wavering from the revelation of God about it, when others weakly made a defection from it, Hebrews 6: And good reason for this unbiassed retention of it, while others declined. He hath promised to reward those who persevere and continue to the end true to the Redeemer, and to give them grace and assistance that they may so continue, so as they need not fear the power of their enemies, nor their own weakness, for he will enable them to perform the duty, endure the afflictions for it, and then to reach the blessing, 1 Corinthians Either in the grace or doctrine of faith, or in the profession of both; See Gill on Hebrews 4: For he is faithful that promised; that is God; and it is true of Father, Son, and Spirit; but God the Father may be more especially designed: In connection with the first-named construction,[] the rhythmical symmetry of the members, Hebrews Reference to the sanctifying of Christians by Christian baptism. Analogon in the Levitical domain the washings, Exodus To find denoted in a merely figurative sense to the exclusion of baptism , with Calvin [Owen] and others, in accordance with Ezekiel The period so euphoniously commenced would be lacking in the appropriate conclusion, the supposed new clause in the appropriate beginning. For as yet in this life the fulness of blessing which comes of fellowship with God is not experienced, the perfected salvation and the heavenly country Hebrews But these are the contents of the Christian hope, and this hope is confessed and maintained in presence of a commonplace, scoffing and alluring world. It is to be maintained for the best of all reasons: The promises of God are necessarily the ground of hope, v. These promises cannot fail, because God cannot lie, Hebrews 6: Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges But the order is, verb, participle; participle, verb; verb, participle, by Chiasmus. The body also had been formerly polluted by sin, but it is washed, that it may be fitted, after the example of the holy body of Christ, Hebrews Pulpit Commentary Verses The readers, having been exhorted to confidence towards God, are further warned against remissness in confession before men, or in their duties within the Church towards each other. Let not the recurrence of Jewish prejudices, or either influence or persecution from their Jewish compatriots, or any delay of the Parousia, induce them to waver in maintaining it. Some among them did, it could not be denied, show signs of such wavering, notably in their remiss attendance at Christian worship; let the faithful give heed to keeping faith alive in themselves and others, and especially through the means of the regular Church assemblies. Hence, and in regard to the context as well as the etymology of the word, we may reject the less definite meaning, by some here assigned to it, of Christian communion *conjugatio fidelium* , and the explanation of Bengel: *Neque tamen innuitur praeise aggregatio ad unum locum, aut aggregatio ad unam fidem; sed, medio sensu, congregatio mutua per amorem et communicatio publica et privata officiorum Christianorum*. It would seem as if the signs of the times were interpreted as denoting its approach el. The blending together in the discourses of Matthew 24 , Mark 13 , Luke And indeed the imminence of the first, of which the signs were really apparent, was in itself a peculiar reason why the Hebrew Christians should stick resolutely to Christianity, for its own sake and apart from Judaism. It is an innovation of the translators. On confession see on 2 Corinthians 9: The phrase confession of hope N. Hope is here equals the object of hope.

### Chapter 3 : American Sign Language Prayers

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These past four months have been more life-giving than I could ever have imagined. Yes, it is exhausting, stressful and challenging. But, it is also uniquely joyful. Thiago is a gift beyond measure. And in seeing the gift that he is, I have also come to learn again the gift of transformation that takes place when we stand with others who are fighting with all their might for the rights of their children and the children of others. At the same time Jenny and I welcomed Thiago into our lives back in June, we also broke ground on building the very first public school for deaf children in all of Peru, located in the high jungles of the region of San Martin. As I write, the finishing touches are being placed on the first phase of the school, and very soon the doors will be open. While construction began back in June, this initiative began well over five years ago, led by Paz y Esperanza, a member organization of our Peruvian partner the Joining Hands Network. Until now, children with deafness from rural and impoverished regions like San Martin have been placed in regular classrooms, with a lack of any Spanish abilities and not even an understanding of Peruvian Sign Language. In effect, there are countless children growing up with no language, no way to communicate not even with their parents, no friends, no community, no hope, and no dreams or vision of any future. This initiative has been very intentional in wanting to create a public school for the deaf community, as opposed to a private institution. Not only do we believe that it will be more accessible to more children and more sustainable in the long run, but through the process we will also be shaping social and political understanding of both the needs and the gifts of the deaf community. What has become so apparent to me is that this community of children is not a burden to their families nor society; rather they are a blessing many times over! They are smart; they are gifted; they are loving; and they are determined. They deserve an accredited and adequate education so that they can develop their talents, create dreams, achieve them and offer their gifts to their neighbors and beyond. The world needs them to get an education! No doubt the road ahead is long, but significant steps have been made. Right now the school is small – just two classrooms for about 30 students. But the vision is big: Presently, the school is only recognized as a place where deaf children can learn their language and later Spanish reading and writing. The vision of our partners is for it to become a fully accredited school that will offer high school diplomas. What we are doing is unprecedented in Peru. While daunting, it is so very exciting. Seeing where these children have come from – having no language and no friends – to where they are today, welcoming us and our Presbyterian friends from the US into their community, moves me to continued commitment. And, to be able to accompany their parents, so many of whom come from extremely limited resources, giving all they have for their kids, is the exact blessing I need in my life so that I may dare to be a blessing to my own sweet Thiago, unceasingly fighting for his right to develop the many gifts God has bestowed upon him. Of course, you, too, are our highly treasured friends whom we cannot wait for Thiago to meet one day soon! In a world often writhing in pain and struggling in so many places and for so many reasons, I know of no other way to begin responding than to give thanks to God for all of you who accompany us from afar and live out your daily lives with compassion and grace with a faith that compels us to seek understanding in these confusing times. As we pray for you, Jenny and I ask that you, too, pray for us, our family, our partners, and the communities we walk alongside. And, please continue to support us in the most effective way you know how and are capable of. God is transforming the world, and you are helping to make it happen. Thank you very much for your support of our mission co-workers. The prayers and financial gifts of people like you enable them to work alongside global partners to address poverty, hopelessness, violence and other pressing problems in the name of Jesus Christ. Every day, Presbyterian Church U. Listening to each other in faith and in friendship, they learn from each other how to work towards a world in which everyone flourishes. Acting upon what they discover together, PC USA mission co-workers and our global partners strengthen the body of Christ. First, would you make a year-end gift for the sending and support of our mission co-workers? Your multi-year commitment will make a great difference in our involvement with our partners. Now more than

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### Chapter 8 : Deaf Bible Society

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