

The Nicene Creed (325–2025)—An Irish Perspective.

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The 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea and the creed it produced has been marked in different ways by Christians worldwide in the course of the year 2025. This article, written from within an Irish context, retraces the history of the Nicene Creed in order to highlight its contemporary significance and its ecumenical implications. We are reminded that the creed is first and foremost a prayer but, as all true prayer, a text which invites us to reflect on what we believe. Certain issues regarding translation are also addressed.

Ancient Faith, United Future? The Relevance of Nicaea for the Contemporary Church.

Liam Fraser

This is an edited version of a presentation delivered at the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, held in Newry, Northern Ireland on 13 November 2025, taking as its theme ‘the Council of Nicaea, AD 325’. After a brief historical outline, the author goes on to explore the ecumenical implications of the Nicene Creed, looking at how it has gained new importance in the recent confessional reforms of the Church of Scotland, and finally considering its ecumenical potential, especially in Scotland.

Seal of the Communion of Communions: Reflections on The Bishop of Rome from an Old Catholic Perspective.

Mattijs Ploeger

Old Catholics have traditionally rejected the universal primacy as defined by Vatican I while recognising the Bishop of Rome’s primacy of honour. In more recent times, influenced by ‘communion ecclesiologies’ and ‘eucharistic ecclesiologies’, Old Catholic theology tends to regard the universal church as a ‘communion of communions’, in which the primacy of the diocesan bishop of Rome appears in a different light, namely as the seal of this communion, in collegiality with other diocesan bishops who exercise primacy at different levels (archbishops, patriarchs). From an Old Catholic perspective, questions remain regarding ‘petrinitas’, the level of normativity of a ‘relecture’ of dogmas, the acceptability of communion ecclesiology in the wider ecumenical context, and the very possibility of communion in a polarised world.

Orthodox–Catholic Ecumenism in the Pontificate of Pope Francis.

Dimitrios Keramidas

The commitment of the late Pope Francis to ecumenical engagement with the East was testified to by the fact that almost all Orthodox Churches were either present at his funeral or sent messages of condolence. This article presents the most important features of Catholic–Orthodox relations in the pontificate of Pope Francis.

Dialogue in an Age of Polarization: The Roman Catholic Response to the Anabaptist Reformation.

John Klassen

24–27 July 2025, the Roman Catholic–Mennonite grassroots movement Bridgefolk held its annual conference in First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB, Canada on the theme ‘Anabaptism at 500: Ecumenical Dialogue in an Age of Polarization’. This article is a revised version of the Roman Catholic keynote speech, in which Fr John Klassen OSB analyzes the historical circumstances surrounding the birth of Anabaptism and the Catholic response to it, before considering how the Catholic attitude has changed over the centuries, as the fruit of an on-going learning process. Finally, recent developments in Roman Catholic–Mennonite dialogue are presented.

An Anglican Reflection on Synodality in the Spirit of Receptive Ecumenism.

+Linda Nicholls

In the spirit of receptive ecumenism, the recent focus of the Roman Catholic Church on synodality under the leadership of Pope Francis offers an opportunity to reflect on Anglican practices of synodal life at a time when our practices are in need of review and reform to meet new challenges. A Canadian Anglican reflects on what might be received.

Synodality and Interchurch Families—An Anglican Perspective.

Diane Ryan

In its recent synodal process, the Catholic Church considered the situation of people in interchurch families, along with a wider ecumenical outlook, and a submission to the synod was sent from the UK Association of Interchurch Families. This paper looks at the possibilities for closer engagement and learning, for both interchurch families and the wider church, under the headings of walking together with accompaniment, with difficult conversations, and with our differences.

Interchurch Pilgrims on the Synodal Path.

Gregory A. Ryan

The Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality (2021–24) has been a major ecclesial event and has several important ecumenical dimensions. This article explores the significance of the synod for interchurch families by reflecting on the synodal journey from the perspective of a Catholic in such a family. The experience and resources of the synod reveal three areas relevant to interchurch families: first, being recognised and listened to in different contexts; second, responses arising from ecumenical needs and opportunities; and third, developments arising from the renewed ecclesiology, processes, and outlook of a synodal church.

Friendship and Prayer: Local Ecumenism in Lund after 2016.

Lena Sjöstrand

In October 2016, to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, an ecumenical meeting took place in Lund, Sweden under the heading, 'From Conflict to Communion'. This article explores how local ecumenical work in Lund developed after the meeting. The author emphasises how unity is the result of enduring commitment and at the same time is received as a gift. The unity described is a unity in plurality which seeks to protect the integrity and identity of the other, all while inviting us to deepen our relationship and knowledge of this other. Finally, she shows how ecumenism goes hand in hand with all forms of seeking unity and peace.

Steven Edwards, General Secretary of the Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe: An Interview.

Ingeborg-Marie Kvam

The Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe (EYCE) is a network connecting young Christians across Europe promoting Christian unity and working for justice, peace and care of creation. On 1 March 2025, Steven Edwards, a 29-year old German, was elected General Secretary of the organisation. Sr Ingeborg-Marie Kvam OP has interviewed him for One in Christ.

The Ecumenical Week in Stockholm 2025.

Nausikaa Haupt

International Interconfessional Conference of Religious at Tymawr (Wales) 22–25 August 2025.

Paolo Cocco

Saint Irenaeus Joint Orthodox–Catholic Working Group.

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Review article: Christopher Butler. Monk, Theologian, Bishop.

David Carter

Book review: Kimberly Hope Belcher, Nathan P. Chase and Alexander Turpin, *One Baptism One Church? A History and Theology of the Reception of Baptized Christians*.

Susan Durber