

The 7-Step Reason to be Catholic

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1. Strong *scientific* evidence points to the intelligent design of the universe.¹
2. In all of history, only Jesus manifested the power of the Intelligent Designer/Creator, including power over death, and fulfilled the Messianic prophecies.²
3. Evidence for the very early origin and authenticity of the Gospels includes writings of Early Church Fathers and others, ancient papyrus fragments and many underlying *Semitisms*, which account for the "ear-grating" Greek in the Gospels.³
4. Jesus founded *one* Church, said there shall be *one* flock, *one* shepherd and prayed for the *unity* of all believers.⁴
5. Having instituted the *Eucharist* and given primacy in his Church to Peter, the risen Jesus commissioned the Apostles to make disciples of all nations.⁵
6. The Pope and Catholic bishops today are the spiritual and historical successors of Peter and the other Apostles.⁶
7. Although denied by Peter, betrayed by Judas Iscariot, abandoned by all apostles but John and scandalized by some of the ordained and consecrated, including a few popes of history, **Jesus gave us no biblical "escape clause" to reject the one Church he founded and, through the Apostles, promised to be with always.**⁷

1 Blessed by Padre Pio in 1947, girl born blind has seen normally since, though still without pupils. If not to a benevolent supernatural "Designer" who can suspend the laws of physics, to what does science attribute such miracles? Also, 600+ scientists signed the online *Scientific Dissent from Darwinism Statement*.

2 Only Jesus, having raised others from death, had his own well-attested Resurrection and said he will judge each of us when we die (Jn 5:22)

3 www.catholic.net/rcc/Periodicals/Homiletic/May97/gospels.html (Fr. G. Duggan); www.ewtn.com/library/SCRIPTUR/CERT_HYPO.TXT (Msgr. M. J. Wrenn); *The Birth of the Synoptic Gospels*; Fr. J. Carmignac; © 1987; ISBN 0-8199-0887-8.

4 Mt 16:18; Jn 10:16; Jn 17:17-23. Today 33,000+ Christian denominations do not agree on *requirements for salvation*.

5 Mt 16:18-19; Lk 6:46-49; Jn 21:15-17; Mt 28:18-20.

6 Is 22:22; Early Church Fathers; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 816.

7 Prov 3:5; Gal 1:6-9; 2 Pet 3:16; Mt 23:2-3; Mt 7:21-23

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