

Biblical References to Catholic Doctrines

All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and
training in righteousness

2 Tim 3:16

Baptism with water effects
rebirth as sons of God and
imparts the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:47; John 1:12-13

Clergy Celibacy

1 Cor. 9:5; Mat. 8:14

Apostles' Succession

Acts 1:21-26

Eucharist as a reappearance
of Jesus to be worshiped

Heb. 9:26; Acts 1:11; Mat. 24:23, 27

Holy Days of Obligation

Gal. 4:9-11

Indulgences to remit
punishment for sin

Psalms 49:7-8; Hebrews 9:22

Justification by faith plus works

*Rom. 3:24-26, 28; 4:5; 11:6;
Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5; Gal. 2:16*

Bishops are the only qualified
interpreters of Scripture

2 Cor. 4:2

Mary exalted as mediatrix

1 Tim. 2:5

Mary's immaculate
conception and sinlessness

Rom. 5:12; 3:10, 23

Peter the rock on which
the church is built

Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet 2:4-8

Papal authority & infallibility

Gal. 2:11-14; Acts 17:11; Mat. 16:23

Pope is head of the church

Col. 1:18-20

Prayers for and to the dead

Heb. 9:27; Deut. 18:10-12

Priests continue to offer Jesus
as a sacrifice for sins

Heb. 10:12, 18; John 19:30

Purgatory purifies sins

Heb. 1:3; 10:10, 14; 1 John 1:7; Luke 23:39-43

Rosary and repetitious prayers

Mat. 6:7

Salvation conditional
on man's faithfulness

Eph. 1:13-14; John 6:39; 10:27-30;

Rom. 8:30; 11:29; Jude 24; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

Statues and Images

Rom. 1:22, 23, 25; Deut. 27:15; 1 John 5:21

Tradition equal with
Scripture in authority

Mark 7:9, 13; Col. 2:8

Venial sins

James 2:10; Rom. 6:23



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