Credo.

(Written by Sr. Margaret in 1944 to resist Nazi ideology.)

I believe in God, who revealed himself and the laws of morality in the Ten Commandments.

I.

I believe in God the Father,

The Creator of all things,
The Father of all human beings,
The owner of all that exists
The fountainhead of all power,
The source of all rights,
The author of all legality,
Who bestows rewards and punishment on all human beings;
Who governs the whole universe,
Who reigns over all,
The Lord who calls everyone to account.

I believe in our God the Creator:

Who takes human beings as partners in creating,
Who gives participation in the dignity of parenthood,
Who gives a share in ownership,
Who gives a share in the use of power,
Who gives the capacity to live by laws,
Who empowers to enact the laws, and
Who bestows the judicial power to judge,
Who gives a share in governance, and
Who anoints to rule, but
- Obliges to give an account in everything.

I proclaim in the Fatherhood of our Creator:

The universal brotherhood of all human beings,
Dependence on God; together with human freedom,
I acknowledge human contingency together with a unique personal destiny.

I proclaim that:

A human being, an organization, a State does not own human beings,
A human being is not the property of other human beings, of an organization,
or of the State.
There is no valid legislation against God’s laws,
It is a sin to deprive human beings of their rights contrary to God’s will,
Human beings may not allow what God does not want,
Worldly power may not prohibit what God allows,
It may not order that which God has prohibited!

I believe in God the Creator, the Lord of All!

II.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
The only begotten of the Father,
The Redeemer of the world!

Who bore witness that God possesses all power,
That the moral laws are holy and indestructible,
The evil of sin is terrible,
Truth and justice are implacable and without compromise,
But the mercy of God is limitless.

I believe in the Redeemer of the world:

Who by his suffering and death expiated the wrath of God,
Who paid our debt for sin,
Who ransomed us from the power of sin, and
Who freed us from the bondage of nature.

I believe in the Redeemer:

Who restored us to be children of God,
Who sanctified in himself human brother/sisterhood,
Who taught us to hate sin, but to have compassion on the sinner;
To make amends for others, rather than to demand satisfaction,
Who showed us that evil can be overcome only with good, and
to cry out to God for pardon and not for revenge.

I believe in Jesus Christ:

Who is the Redeemer not only of individuals,
but also of societies and of political life.
Who opened up the seal of love’s mystery for us, which creates, builds up and redeems.

I believe in our Redeemer!
III.
I believe in the Holy Spirit:

In the giver of all graces,
In the fountain of the Seven Gifts,
In the Spirit of truth and love,
Without whom life as God’s children is not possible,
Without whom the mystery of love cannot be understood, and
Living a life of love is not possible.

I believe in the Holy Spirit:

Without the Spirit’s grace we sink into error,
Think foolish things, and
Create for ourselves hell on earth.
Without the Spirit, Satan, the enemy of our soul, cannot be conquered
Without whom we cannot reach eternal life.

I believe in the Sanctifying Spirit!

IV.
I proclaim:

The Church, holy and mother, built on a Rock,
The inheritance left to us by Christ, as our mother.
I acknowledge, respect, love and follow the earthly Vicar of Christ our Lord,
the Roman Pontiff.

I proclaim:

That the meaning and goal of human beings here on earth is true happiness;
and beyond that, eternal salvation.

I believe:

That the ultimate goal of life is: eternal life. Amen