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## Understanding the Revised Mass Texts

### New words...deeper meaning...same Mass

#### Specific Changes in Wording in the Mass Texts

*We believe in one God...*

changes to:

*I believe in one God...*

#### The Creed

*We believe in one God...* → *I believe in one God...*

The new wording of the beginning of the Creed, "I believe" is a more direct translation of the Latin "*credo*." "I believe" also brings out more clearly the personal commitment involved in faith. Saying "I believe in God" is not just stating an idea or accepting a doctrine, it is an act of personal commitment. The Latin word *credo* itself derives from an expression meaning "I give my heart to."

*One in being with the Father* → *Consubstantial with the Father*

Within the Creed, one of the changes is that we will say of the Lord Jesus that he is "consubstantial with the Father" instead of "one in being with the Father." The term "consubstantial" comes from the word used in the Latin text of the Creed. This change in terminology does not at all indicate a change in meaning, but rather a more precise identification that Christ is of the same substance, nature, and essence as the Father...As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "...in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God." #262  
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