



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year! As we embrace 2025, we look forward to the growth, learning, and faith-filled experiences that await us. January is a wonderful time to reflect on our blessings and set new goals for the year ahead. Together, as a school community, we are ready to embark on this journey with hope and gratitude.

However, before we do so, allow me to acknowledge the joyous gifts that student and staff groups shared with the larger CCH community in December. The Santa's Anonymous Group managed to surpass 76 hampers for families and students in need within the school division. They



worked tirelessly from September to December as they fundraised, organized, took inventory, and assembled the hampers prior to their distribution. Thank you to all of you who took the time to donate time and treasures to this project.

We were also gifted by the Music Department as they provided us with music and entertainment at "The Merry and Bright Christmas Concert" and the Athletic Leadership Team as they oversaw the smooth running of The Cal O'Brien Classic Tournament.



Congratulations to our Senior Varsity Girls for claiming the Cal Classic trophy and to our Junior Varsity Girls for finishing second.



As we continue in the spirit of Epiphany, let us reflect on the journey of the Magi, who followed the star to find the Savior. Just as they brought their finest gifts, may we bring our own gifts of kindness, service, and faith into this new year, sharing Christ's light with those around us. Our students, parents/guardians, and staff form the foundation of our school, and it is through collaboration and shared commitment that we continue to foster an environment where every individual can thrive. Moreover, in the spirit of continuous improvement and continuing the call to action to "Proclaim!", we have exciting plans and initiatives lined up for the coming year. From the work of our staff committees to enriching co-curricular activities, our goal is to provide an educational experience that not only meets but exceeds the expectations of our diverse community. So watch for upcoming newsletters and follow us on our social media platforms ("X" and Instagram) for information.

A new year is the time to think of the future and start again and January is a month of huge transition for us as we begin preparations for Graduation Ceremonies 2025 (continue to get updates on our website under the "Graduation" tab and in the Grad 2025 Google Classroom) *while* planning for incoming grade 9 visits and the next school year. Additionally, January marks the end of quarter 2 (first half of the year completed) and the start of quarter 3 (onto the second half). Please be sure to check the calendar for upcoming dates, especially exam days.

Thank you for being an integral part of Catholic Central High School. We are excited for all that 2025 will bring and look forward to working together to make it a year of growth, learning, and faith. Wishing you and your family a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Blessings,

Mrs. Polec



IMPORTANT DATES

January

- January 6** - First Day of classes after break
- January 7** - Blessing of Classrooms throughout school (both campuses)
- January 13** - FLA Part A diploma
- January 14** - ELA Part A diploma
- January 15** - Social Studies Part A diploma
- January 15** - Re-registration for current Holy Spirit Students opens through School Engage
- January 16** - FLA Part B diploma
- January 16** - School Council Meeting in the library on CEast at 6:00 pm
- January 17** - Last Day of Quarter 2 classes and Math diploma
- January 20-27** - Exam Week - **only those students who have exams are required to attend**
- January 20** - ELA Part B diploma
- January 21** - Social Studies Part B diploma
- January 22** - Biology diploma
- January 23** - Chemistry diploma
- January 24** - Physics diploma
- January 27** - CCH PD Day and Science30 diploma
- January 28** - First Day of Quarter 3 classes

February

- February 1** - New Students to HolySpirit School Division will be able to register through School Engage
- February 3** - Grad Parent Information Evening @ 7:00 pm on Campus East in the Cafeteria
- February 5** - Grade 9 Parent Information Evening @ 7:00 on Campus East in the Cafeteria
- February 6** - Grade 9 Parent Information Evening @ 7:00 on Campus West in the Gathering Space
- February 10, 12, 13, 14** - Grade 9 Visits for Course Selection (CCH will visit Saint Francis Junior High, Father Leonard Van Tighem, St. Joseph (Coaldale), and St. Catherine (Picture Butte))
- February 17** - Family Day - No School
- February 18-21** - Reading Week - No School; Teachers' Convention on February 20 & 21
- February 27** - Quarter 3 Midterm and Parent-Teacher/Student Conferences
- February 24, 25, 26, 27, 28** and **March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14** - Course Selection for current CCH students (grade 10s and 11s)

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The next
School
Council
meeting

will be held on January 16 at 6:00 pm in the library on Campus East. All are welcome to attend.



The Grad
Parent
Meeting
will be held
on Monday,
February 3

at 7:00 p.m. in the Campus East Cafeteria.

GRADE 9 PARENT MEETINGS will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. on Campus EAST and Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. on Campus WEST.

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GRADUATION 2025

It's time to plan for grad! Here are some important dates and items to know:

- Grad Parent Meeting – February 3, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. on Campus East in the Cafeteria
- Grad requirements – grad list will be posted on both campuses and in Trinity Learning Centre after the end of quarter 2 exam week. Please see Mrs. Ross or Mr. Hansen if you are NOT on this list.
- Grad Hoodies go on sale January 15 until February 14, 2025. They are \$45. Hoodies can be purchased through School Cash Online. Proceeds from sales will go to the Business & Entrepreneurship program.
- Grad photos:
There is NO CHARGE to grads to have their picture taken. Pictures are taken on these dates and times:
 - February 3-14, 2025
 - February 18-21, 2025

Grads can book these sessions online at prestigeportraits.ca Select Alberta, Lethbridge then choose your location (Catholic Central High School) from the drop down list of schools and select day and time to book. The online booking system is now open! If you cannot book any of these times, please call Lifetouch at 780-437-2431 to arrange a time and date.

- Grad fees: \$160 due on March 19. Fees can be paid through School Cash Online, which can be accessed from our homepage: <https://holyspirit.schoolcashonline.com/> For your convenience, we will be able to accept payment at the grad parent meeting (we can only take cash or cheque; NOT credit or debit). If you require assistance with this, please contact Mrs. Wilson at the school.
- Access CCH Website: <http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cch/> for grad updates

Dates and Details:

1. **Grad Mass, Friday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m, VisitLethbridge.com Arena (plan for 1 ½ to 2 hours)**
2. **Grad Ceremonies, Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m, VisitLethbridge.com Arena (plan for 3 hours)**
3. **Grand March (with Grad Dance to follow), Saturday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., VisitLethbridge.com Arena (plan for 2 hours)**





Thank you to all of the following for their generous donations towards the successful completion of the 2024 Santa's Anonymous. These acts of kindness resulted in a brighter holiday season for 74 of our Holy Spirit School Division families.

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Doherty Family
Knott Family
Koopman Family
Kossuth Family
Lane Family
Lavkulich Family
Lethbridge Firefighter
Charity Foundation

Lodge Family
Magoose Family
Mombourquette Family
Mr. Larry Spiess
Spiess Family
Tucker Family
Von Heyking Family
Wright Family
St. Martha's CWL
Save-On Foods North

A special thank you to the staff and students of Catholic Central High School, St. Francis Junior High, École St Mary Elementary, Children of St. Martha Elementary, Trinity Learning Center, St. Joseph School, St. Catherine School, Father Leonard Van Tighem and Our Lady of the Assumption. So many schools coming together for one cause is amazing and embodies the spirit of Santa's Anonymous.

On behalf of all the students and staff, thank you to all the families within our school community that helped make this year's Santa's Anonymous initiative a success. Whether it was donating money, food items or your time we couldn't have done it without you.

God Bless,
Mr. New



IF STUDENTS ARE CHANGING CAMPUSES FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER 3, AND DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A LOCKER, PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR ONE.

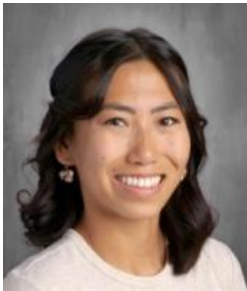
Welcome to the following new staff at CCH



My name is **Landon Veluw** and I'm a recent graduate from the faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge. I recently completed my final practicum this December within the district at Father Leonard Van Tighem where I taught Math, PE and a Hockey Option. I most enjoy teaching Mathematics and Physical Education as my background is in the Sciences and because of my passion for sports. I grew up in the Lethbridge area and I'm excited to continue my life here as I start my new position here in Lethbridge at CCH. In my spare time, you can find me hanging with family and friends, playing hockey and soccer or searching for my golf ball in the trees



Having just finished his PSIII internship here, fulfilling all requirements of his teaching degree, **Bailey Yanke** is incredibly happy to return to CCH to teach English in Q3 and Q4. He is eager to continue to contribute to the CCH school community and to work alongside everyone for the rest of the school year.



CCH welcomes **Aleah Murphy** who will be teaching Social Studies in Quarters 3 and 4. We look forward to having her as part of our CCH family!

2025/2026 REGISTRATION

Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

Bright Futures Begin Here

- Re-registration for **CURRENT** students starts **January 13, 2025**
- Registration for **NEW** students starts **February 3, 2025**

✓ ACADEMIES ✓ ATHLETICS ✓ EARLY LEARNING
✓ FINE ARTS ✓ FRENCH IMMERSION ✓ INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE


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Catholic Central High School Quarter 2, 2024 Exam Schedule

	Time	Course	Campus	Teacher	Room #
Lundi 13 Janvier	9:00 AM	Francais 30-1 Partie A	L'est	Dalton	206
REGULAR CLASS DAY					
Tuesday January 14	9:00 AM	English 30-1 Part A	East	Hartman	Library
REGULAR CLASS DAY		English 30-1 Part A	East	Cox	Library
		English 30-2 Part A	East	Omlon	206
Wednesday January 15	9:00 AM	Social 30-1 Part A	East	Skauge	Library
REGULAR CLASS DAY		Social 30-1 Part A	East	Hansen	Library
		Social 30-2 Part A	East	Cavilla	206
Juedi 16 Janvier	9:00 AM	Francais 30-1 Partie B	L'est	Dalton	114
REGULAR CLASS DAY					
Friday January 17	9:00 AM	Math 30-1	East	Hammel	Gym
REGULAR CLASS DAY		Math 30-1	East	Leroux	Gym
		Math 20-1	East	Hammel	124
	Blk 3&4	Math 20-2	East	Folkersen	122
	Blk 1&2	Math 10-2	East	Folkersen	122
Monday January 20	9:00 AM	English 30-1 Part B	East	Hartman	Gym
		English 30-1 Part B	East	Cox	Gym
		English 30-2 Part B	East	Omlon	Gym
		English 20-1	East	Goble	Gym
		English 20-2	East	Richards	213
		English 10-1	East	Omlon	127
		English 20-1	West	Cox	514
		English 10-1	West	Yanke/Hartman	Gym
		English 10-1	West	Schmidt	Gym
Tuesday January 21	9:00 AM	Social 30-1 Part B	East	Skauge	Gym
		Social 30-1 Part B	East	Hansen	Gym
		Social 30-2 Part B	East	Cavilla	Gym
		Soc 20-1	East	Yoner	Gym
		Soc 20-2	West	Dudas	126
		Soc 10-1	East	Yoner	Gym
		Soc 10-1	East	Murphy/Skauge	209
		Soc 10-2	East	Hogan	212
		Soc 20-1	West	Schmidt	513

Wednesday January 22	9:00 AM	Bio 30	East	Balog	Gym
		Bio 20	West	Balog	525
		Chem 20	West	Goruk	Gym
		Science 10	West	Skanes/Goruk	Gym
		Science 10	West	Nummi	511
Thursday January 23	9:00 AM	Chem 30	East	Bulger	Gym
		Math 10C	East	Lutz	Gym
Friday January 24	9:00 AM	Physics 30	East	Hawker	Gym
		Physics 20	East	Hawker	107
		Physics 20	West	Vuong	523
Monday January 27	9:00 AM	Science 30	East	Ross	Gym

***This schedule is subject to change. Please confirm details with your teacher**

****Yellow fill denotes exam is being written in a location OTHER THAN the regularly assigned classroom**



Quarter 2, 2025

Exam Bus Schedule

<u>Monday Jan 20</u>	<u>Tuesday Jan 21</u>	<u>Wednesday Jan 22</u>	<u>Thursday Jan 23</u>	<u>Friday Jan 24</u>	<u>Monday Jan 27</u>	<u>Tuesday Jan 28</u>
Morning Buses will run at normal times	Morning Buses will run at normal times	Morning Buses will run at normal times	Campus East buses run as usual	Morning Buses will run at normal times	PD Day/Science 30 diploma	<u>First day of Quarter 3</u>
No mid day flex shuttles	No mid day flex shuttles	No mid day flex shuttles	No Exams on Campus West	NO morning shuttle west	Morning Buses will run at normal times	<u>Buses run as usual</u>
No end of day shuttle	No end of day shuttle	No end of day shuttle	No morning, midday or Afterschool shuttles or busses required	No mid day flex shuttles	NO morning shuttle west	
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Please make sure to plan ahead

OFF-CAMPUS NEWS

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January 2025

Updates

Happy New Year!!

- **Old's College Dual Credit Applications:** Open until **February 14, 2025**. Interested in registering for a Winter Term 2025 course? Email Miss. Amakobe at amakobev@holyspirit.ab.ca
- **Lethbridge Polytechnic Dual Credit Orientation:** January 15, 2025 - Students enrolled in Winter Term 2025 dual credit courses will receive further details via email.
- **Skills Canada Competitions:** Showcase your skills in trades and technology fields! Events include regional, provincial, and national competitions. Participants demonstrate their skills in carpentry, welding, plumbing, graphic design, robotics, culinary arts, and more!

Key registration dates:

- **Regional Skills Canada:** Opens 8:30 AM, **January 8, 2025**.
- **Girls Exploring Trades & Technologies:** Opens 8:30 AM, **January 15, 2025**.
- **Provincial Skills Canada:** Opens 8:30 AM, **January 15, 2025**.
- **Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (SACI):** Offering **Automotive Service** and **Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship** seats for RAP students or those who have completed SACI courses. The eight-week program runs from **May 5 to June 27, 2025**.

Program Details

- **Work Experience Program:** Open to Grade 10–12 students with part-time jobs, summer positions, or volunteer work. Earn up to 15 high school credits through this program.
- **Green Certificate Program:** A structured program supported by Alberta Education and Agriculture & Forestry. Students can earn up to 16 diploma credits while working in agriculture and gain credentials for careers in agribusiness.
- **Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP):** Allows students to earn up to 40 high school credits while gaining on-the-job training for an apprenticeship.
- **Special Projects:** Earn up to 15 high school credits by completing an individual or group project outside the regular curriculum.
- **Workplace Safety Course:** A prerequisite for earning credits in the programs above.
 - **Work Experience:** HCS3000/HCS3010 Workplace Safety Systems course & signed Work Agreement form. AND **Green Certificate:** AGR3000 Agriculture Safety course.
- **Dual Credit:** Earn both high school and post-secondary credits simultaneously. In partnership with Old's College and Lethbridge Polytechnic, these courses help students explore career pathways.
- **Career Services:** In collaboration with Careers the Next Generation, students gain career awareness and experience through paid internships and community partnerships. [Create a student profile!](#)

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January

"In this life no one can fulfill his longing, nor can any creature satisfy man's desire. Only God satisfies, he infinitely exceeds all other pleasures. That is why man can rest in nothing but God."
- St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274 (Feast Day: January 28)

St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of academics, students, and Catholic schools and Doctor of the Church, is widely considered to be one of the most influential theologians in Catholic history. Living in the 1200s, Aquinas was born in what is now Italy, into a powerful and wealthy family. He had an extensive education in his youth, and at the age of 19 decided to join the Dominican Order. His family made many efforts to prevent him from following through on this choice, but his persistence was unstoppable. In 1245, he went to continue his studies at the University of Paris, where he met Dominican scholar St. Albert the Great. He completed his education there, becoming a prolific writer as well. For the remainder of his life, he continued to teach and to write, composing hymns that are still sung today alongside many philosophical volumes. The largest and most well known of these is his *Summa Theologica* (Summary of Theology), which was written as a guide of the Catholic theological basics. This gave rise to the theological approach known as Thomism. Thomism focuses on the complementary nature of faith and reason, the virtues as a framework for moral life, and uses logical reasoning for the existence of God. G.K. Chesterton referred to this view as a philosophy of common sense. St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274, with his *Summa Theologica* left unfinished after a mystical experience caused him to abandon it. He was canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323, and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1567.

The Apostles' Creed

"...[He] descended into hell..."

In the biblical word, 'hell' is the scriptural description for the place of all the dead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains (CCC 633-634) that Jesus had to "free the just who had gone before him." This meant that he was able to spread salvation and redemption to the holy men and women who had gone before him in time. His death and resurrection, which we profess at Mass and which are the cornerstone of our faith, were shared as much with those who died before him as with us today. Further, when Christ is resurrected, he arises in a whole new way — just look at some of the things that he does. The Gospels report that people like Mary Magdalene and Clopas did not at first recognize him, that he bore the marks of his crucifixion wounds, and that he ate with his disciples after the resurrection! This might seem like a little thing, but as Janet Schaeffer writes,

Perhaps the problem with the years of Jesus' physical life on earth was that he seemed so human that people couldn't

believe he was God. Now, in his risen state, it is tremendously important that people remember that he is human...the resurrection doesn't mean that finally Jesus went back to being God again. He never ceased being God. But he never ceases being human.

As St. Athanasius said, "we no longer die as those condemned but as those who will arise." This gives our three year faith plan theme — Arise! Pilgrims of Hope — a whole new meaning.

As we seek to become *Pilgrims of Hope* this year, let us continue to contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

In late November, Pope Francis announced that during this year the Church will be canonizing two new saints, who you will be familiar with from our journeys with the saints in the past two years. Both [Blessed Carlo Acutis](#) and [Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati](#) are going to be joining the ranks of the saints! Throughout this year, there will be Jubilee celebrations for many different groups within our Catholic communities, from police to deacons, marching bands to migrants. Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized during the Jubilee of Teenagers (April 27), and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized during the Jubilee of Young People (August 3). Both of these saints-to-be are great witnesses to our faith and models for us all. For more information on the Jubilee, you can visit the official website [here](#).



Pope's Prayer Intentions — For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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Gospel Readings

January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasure and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation," in which Christ is shown to the whole world, as represented by the magi. The magi (sometimes called the Wise Men or the Three kings) were people from another country and religion who followed the star to Bethlehem to worship the baby Jesus as the King of the Jews. This special day reminds us that we also are called to go out and tell the world about Jesus. This can be very hard to do. At those times, we can do what St. Francis suggested: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." There are many ways every day we can live out the Gospel, even if we aren't talking about Jesus. Then people will see that we are Christians by how we love and other people can come to know him.

Who are the people I could share Jesus with, that I do not share him with right now?
What are some ways that I can share Jesus with others?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help us to bring you with us into the lives we live outside of church. Please give us the courage to share you with all we meet.

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"...a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." — Luke 3:22

Baptism is an important sacrament! It welcomes you into the body of Christ, the Church. It is a time when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and allows you to receive the gifts of grace God offers. Many of us were baptized as babies, but God keeps giving us gifts as we get older. These gifts are "super-powers" that allow us to do more of what God wants than we could have on our own. Jesus was baptized to set the example for us and help us see what we could do with our gifts. He wanted to show us that we should spend our whole life on earth helping to do good in the world and bring others closer to God. **What a special gift!**

Do you remember your baptism? Ask your parents to tell you about it.
Who are your godparents? How are they special to you?

Prayer:

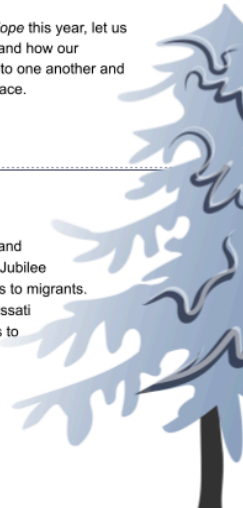
Father in heaven, thank you for the sacrament of baptism. We are so blessed to receive your Holy Spirit so we can make a difference in the world.



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) — St. Thomas Aquinas
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



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Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." — 1 Corinthians 12:7

All of us are blessed to receive the Holy Spirit twice in our lives in special ways: once at baptism, and then again at confirmation. Jesus even received the Holy Spirit when John baptized him. What does it mean to receive the Holy Spirit? The Scriptures tell us that the Spirit is given to each of us for some benefit, but doesn't explain exactly what that means. Think of it as any skill or talent you have as a gift of the Holy Spirit that you can use to help someone. If you are good at math or science, then you might be able to use that gift to be a doctor and help sick people. If you are good at farming or gardening, you can use that gift to help feed people. If you are good with babies or children, you can use that gift to be a childcare worker or a teacher. The Holy Spirit is a gift that God gave us to help us know how we can hear and respond to God with the gifts we are given.

Have I ever felt led by the Holy Spirit? How did I know it was the Spirit?
How can being still and quiet help us hear the Lord?



Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)

Prayer:

Dear Lord, teach me how to quiet myself so that I may hear and respond to how the Holy Spirit wants to lead me in my life.



Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ...If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." — 1 Corinthians 12: 12,26

This passage from St. Paul helps us understand the body of Christ (the Church), and how we are dependent on others. It also applies to family life. The members of a family make up one body. When one person is sick or hurting, all the members feel the hurt. If one person is happy or celebrating, all the members join with them in their joy. This is especially true because Jesus is present in each family member. He guides our hearts to be loving, compassionate, and understanding with one another, making family life all it was designed to be. We are like a "little body of Christ" inside the greater body of Christ.

Are there obvious differences in us as family members?
How can we work together to be "one body" more often?



Prayer:

Father of us all, please help us to be a family that is centered in Jesus. Help us accept his grace and love, so that we can be a positive presence within our family.

Sources:

I Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed by Alister McGrath
The Creed: A Catechist's Guide by Janet Schaeffler
The Apostles' Creed by Ben Myers

Sources cont.'d:

What Christians Ought to Believe by Michael Bird
The Quest for the Creed by Fr. Dwight Longenecker
The Creed by Timothy O'Malley

New Year's Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we step into this New Year, we lift our hearts to You in gratitude for the blessings of the past year and in hope for the days to come. Thank You for Your steadfast love, guidance, and mercy that have carried us through every joy and trial.

Lord, we entrust this New Year to You. May it be a time of growth in faith, love, and service. Help us to walk closer to You, seeking Your will in all we do. Fill our days with Your peace and our hearts with Your joy, no matter what we face.

Bless our families, friends, and communities. Strengthen the bonds of unity among us, and inspire us to be instruments of Your love and kindness to all we encounter.

We ask for Your wisdom in our decisions, courage in our challenges, and perseverance in our efforts to live according to Your Word. Teach us to trust in Your plan and to surrender our fears and uncertainties to Your care.

Lord, may this year be marked by Your glory, as we grow in holiness and bear witness to Your light in the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

Amen.