

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Doctrinal agreement of 8 April 1999
between the PNCC and the delegation to Scranton
from the Lutheran Free Synod of Norway

In that we worship the one, true God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we affirm that in that we hold the orthodox and catholic Faith of the Undivided Church and we adhere to our Lutheran heritage to the extent that it has embraced and transmitted that Faith, therefore we embrace the Catholic Faith of the Polish National Catholic Church and do fully accept without reservation or qualifications all of these doctrines: Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition of the Church; the Catholic Symbols: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed, the Councils of the Undivided Church; the Fathers of the Church, East and West, the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass (messen som eukaristick offer) and the Seven Sacraments; and the essential praxis of the Catholic Church as affirmed by the Polish National Catholic Church, and the authority of our lawful bishop, and furthermore we will be known as the Nordic Catholic Church.*

** Considering that the Holy Eucharist has always been the true central point of Catholic worship, we consider it our duty to declare that we maintain with perfect fidelity the ancient Catholic doctrine concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, by believing that we receive the Body and the Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ under the species of bread and wine. The Eucharistic celebration in the Church is neither a continual repetition nor a renewal of the expiatory sacrifice which Jesus offered once for all upon the Cross, and it is the act by which we represent upon earth and appropriate to ourselves the one offering with Jesus Christ makes in Heaven, according to the Epistle to the Hebrews ix. 11, 12, for the salvation of redeemed humanity, by appearing for us in the presence of God (Heb. ix. 24). The character of the Holy Eucharist being thus understood, it is, at the same time, a sacrificial feast, by means of which the faithful, in receiving the Body and Blood of our Saviour, enter into communion with one another (1 Cor. x. 17).
The Declaration of Utrecht. Constitution of the Polish National Catholic Church, page iv, article 6.*