

Different – Yet The Same

Two Traditions, But One Catholic Church

ROMAN RITE TODAY

There is a more relaxed feeling, very down to earth, using a lot of contemporary music. Liturgy has the feel of a shared celebration.
Emphasis: God is here with us, so go and live this out in the world.

~LITURGY~

BYZANTINE RITE TODAY

The use of dramatic music and actions tries to lift people up to experience a 'taste of Heaven'.
Emphasis: This is what God has in store for us in Heaven, so go and live this out in the world right now.

New Churches are usually built in a very simple style, with little adornment, and only a few pieces of art, to fit into the modern world and reflect modern tastes.



Emphasis: Each generation responds to God in its own way, and our current styles and fashions can give glory to God, just as the past styles did.

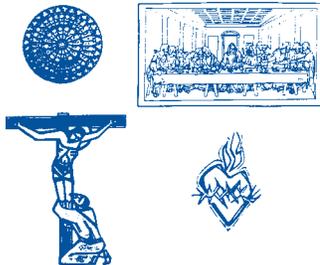
~CHURCH BUILDINGS~



Even new churches with modern lines usually have domes and a lot of icons, emphasizing that traditions which the Church developed over the centuries are still meaningful today in the modern world.

Emphasis: God has been with us through the centuries. Even though things change, God's love – and our response – are always the same, yesterday and today.

Contemporary artists are encouraged to let their individual experience of God come through their art. This encourages creativity and artistic freedom, but cuts down on the common ownership and understanding of this religious art by others.



Emphasis: Many different styles of art help us to express what God's love means for us.

~CHURCH ART~



Emphasis: There are things about God's love which we have all experienced and understand together.

EASTERN AND WESTERN CATHOLICS CAN SHOW RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER.
We have the same Catholic faith, but we express it in different ways.

*Byzantine Catholics include people of the following ancestry: Albanian, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Hungarian, Italo-Albanian, Macedonian, Melkite (Middle Eastern), Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian, but also many others.