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Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church

The unified conciliar thought of the Fathers defined the content of faith. Thanks to this, the faith endured for centuries without error and was professed in the fullness of truth. The definitions of faith provided by the ecumenical councils acquired the status of *dogmas*, and they became the unchangeable teachings of the Church. Through these dogmas, the Fathers delineated the true profession of the Mysteries of God, defending the Tradition from erroneous interpretations. The transmission of faith continues to this day through the ministry of bishops, the successors of the apostles. We referred to this ministry as the “*Teaching Office*” (in Latin, *Magisterium*) of the Church, when bishops transmit with one mind, always and everywhere, that which they have received from the apostles. (#58)