

The flag of the Reformed Roman Catholic Church:

The flag of the Roman Catholic Church was inspired by the words of the famous apostle Peter, the first leader of the church. We read about it in **Matthew 16** ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to



you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." The flag is a snapshot of the **narrow white door** with its two keys that gives access to heaven. The narrow white door is set in the golden wall to the left that surrounds heaven. **Matthew 7** ¹³"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow, and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. The door that leads to eternal life or heaven is narrow because it is the **only way** to salvation. There are many wrong answers to the identity of the door of heaven, but Jesus is the only one that has the answer to this question. **Acts 4** ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. The way is hard because you cannot just live as you like. You must follow his rules for life which put certain restrictions on you. The triple crown represents the three titles of Jesus namely, prophet, priest and king. This crown is part of the pope's royal regalia. **The two keys** are symbolic of the two things that God requires of you to enter through the door of heaven as preached by Jesus Christ in his Gospel. The golden key represents FAITH in Jesus Christ as the perfect Son of God who died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. The believe of Catholics in Jesus becomes evident when they participate in the Eucharist or Communion or look at images of Jesus crucified on the cross displayed in all Roman Catholic Churches. The silver key represents the second truth of salvation, namely REPENTANCE of your sin through asking forgiveness and committing yourself to obey the Word of God. The truth of repentance is evident in the Roman Catholic religious practice of the Confession Box as well as the dedication of Catholic leaders and nuns to their task of sharing God's love with society. The red rope represents the rope that the prostitute

Rahab tied to her window during the siege of Jericho by the Israelites (Joshua 2), as a mark that she saved the spies and believed that the Lord God, is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. This shows that God will save those who believe in him from destruction, no matter who they are, just like he saved Rahab and her family that gathered in her house in solidarity with her, from the destruction of Jericho. The red rope forms a bow and arrow signifying the charity work done by the church. Roman Catholic Church leaders, Catholic nuns and Catholics in general shoot arrows of love at the needy and suffering in society.

Flag of The Orthodox Messianic Israeli Jewish Synagogue of Yeshua

This flag is very similar to the flag of the RRCC. The Messianic Israeli Jews believe that Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, was crucified on Golgotha, whereby he paid the penalty for the sins of all who believe in him. Golgotha means the skull and that is why they have a white skull on their flag. He was also buried there, but he rose from the grave on the third day of his death. The two white femur bones represent the two aspects of the Gospel that is



required for salvation. Number one is you must accept the free gift of Jesus as your Messiah King and Saviour from the penalty of sin, through your **faith in him**, that God has granted you through grace. The second bone represent the fact that one must **repent of sin** or turn your back on your old sinful life and become a disciple of Jesus. This involves to firstly **recognise** that you have mistakes in your life. Because these mistakes are disobedience to God and his plan for your life it should make you feel **guilty, ashamed** and that you have **failed** the one who loves you most of all, namely your creator. So secondly you have **remorse** for the way you have treated God and others, and this gives you **sadness**. Thirdly to get rid of this guilt you **ask God to forgive you** of your sin against him. God can now legally forgive your sin and cast it upon the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and declare you righteous or good. Because God is a fair judge he cannot just pardon sin. Sin needs a penalty. If Jesus don't pay the penalty for your sins then you must. Jesus is an acceptable sacrifice for sin because he never sinned. God had to become a man for this purpose, because he is the only one capable of having complete victory over the presence of sin. Because Jesus died and suffered innocently his righteous life can now also count to your credit if you look towards him in faith. The forth part of repentance is to **commit** or dedicate yourself to submit to all **the laws** of God in the Bible and you start this process by asking him to **help you to obey him**.

The Yellow arch is the Golden Dome stretching over Mount Zion, the only earthly home address God has ever had. **Revelation 11** ¹Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ²but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty- two months.