

## Overview

In Chapter 1 the students learned that Jesus is the Son of God who reveals the Trinity and announces the Kingdom of God. In this chapter they will learn that we participate in the mission of the Church and witness to Christ.

### Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The students will learn:	Paragraph
• We are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another. . . . .	787
• We proclaim the Good News of Christ by what we say and do. . . . .	863
• In the liturgy we celebrate Christ's Paschal Mystery. . . . .	1067
• When we serve others we give witness to Christ. . . . .	2449



**evangelization**  
**liturgy**  
**Paschal Mystery**  
**Last Judgment**  
**Corporal Works of Mercy**  
**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

## Catechist Background

**W**hat difference does having a mission make for your thoughts and actions?

Jesus Christ came to show us what God was like and who we were meant to be as human beings. When we are baptized we are joined to Jesus Christ as we become members of the Church. As part of the Body of Christ, we share his mission. The mission of the Church, then, is to share the Good News of Christ and to spread the Kingdom of God.

We proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in many ways. Evangelization is the act of proclaiming the Good News by what we say and do. All of us, not just those ordained or employed by the Church, are called to evangelize. “Therefore, even when occupied by temporal affairs, the laity can, and must, do valuable work for the evangelization of the world.” (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, n. 35*)

We also proclaim the Good News in our liturgy. Through the Mass we are connected to the Paschal Mystery: Christ's suffering, Death, Resurrection,

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

and Ascension. We are reminded of what Jesus has done for us, and what we are called to do for one another. We are strengthened through the Eucharist and given the grace to build up the Kingdom of God.

We build up the kingdom when we live a life of service. Following Jesus' example, we reach out to people in need. Jesus told us, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, that whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do to him (Matthew 25: 31–46). We serve Jesus by serving others. The Church has traditionally listed types of service in two categories: Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Through the discipline of doing the Works of Mercy, we become people whose lives give witness to Jesus Christ.

**W**hat role do you play in the Church's work of carrying on Jesus' mission?

# Lesson Planning Guide

## Lesson Steps

## Presentation

## Materials

### 1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to the Scripture.
- Respond in prayer.

For the prayer space: Bible, crucifix, candle

- Discuss the question about a family member or friend.

### 2 WE BELIEVE

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*We are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another.*



- Read and discuss the text about relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Name ways the Church shares the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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*We proclaim the Good News of Christ by what we say and do.*



- Read about evangelization and discuss ways to share and give to witness to our faith.
- Identify people who share the Good News and list ways to do the same.

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*In the liturgy we celebrate Christ's Paschal Mystery.*

- Read and discuss the Paschal Mystery and the Church's liturgy.



"Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ," Jaime Cortez, #4, Grade 5 CD

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*When we serve others we give witness to Christ.*



Matthew 25:31–40

- Learn about the Last Judgment and the Works of Mercy in the *We Believe* text.

- scissors
- markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- copies of Reproducible Master 2, guide page 27C

### 3 WE RESPOND

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In the activity, plan a TV commercial.

- markers or colored pencils

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**Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 2 (back of book)

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**Chapter 2 Test**

- Complete **Chapter 2 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 2 (back of book)