

## Grade 7, Unit 4 Lessons

**Lesson 13:** Discipleship for Today\* (Please note that we are now starting the second textbook, Christ in the Liturgy, and this lesson corresponds to lesson 1 of that text).

**Opening Prayer:** [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Lord, help us to remember that our story, and Your story, is a love story. Send Your Holy Spirit to ignite our hearts with your love, so that we can bring it to others wherever we go. Amen.

**Intro:**

While part of the Church's mission is to ensure that the truths given to us by Jesus are protected and passed on to the next generation, the church is also working to help the world apply these truths in a meaningful way in today's society. In recent years, the Church leaders have met at the first and second Vatican Councils and discussed how to do just that.

Read p. 12 & 13 of Christ in the Liturgy.

What ideas do you have to help the Church continue to meet the needs of the Church in our current culture?

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**Watch and Learn:**

Watch the following video on Vatican II in Brief, and answer the questions on the worksheet below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OGI5Ys-nQ>

As a Church, Vatican II wanted to help people of this time apply the truths of our faith to these modern times. That doesn't mean we want to 'fit in' to this current culture. Our culture now is a bit of a mess. As a Church we want to help it, engage in dialogue with others and respond to it. To do that, we need to be countercultural.

Watch Dynamic Catholic Countercultural:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-9-0.html>

In the video, Matthew says that he is countercultural in that he refuses to have cable, when most people in our culture consider it necessary. In what way are you countercultural? If you aren't countercultural yet, what way could you be?

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**Ending Prayer:** [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Holy Spirit, strengthen me in the gift of wisdom so that I will have the courage to persevere through challenges and continue to grow in faith. Amen.

# Vatican II Worksheet

1. What is an Ecumenical Council?

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2. Why was the Vatican II council called? (i.e. what issues did the church leaders want to discuss?)

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3. In the video, it stated 6 different issues that were decided on at the council. List them below:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Define 'Universal Call to Holiness':

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## Lesson 14: The People of God

### Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Dear God, you have blessed us each with unique gifts and talents. Please guide us and help us to use those talents in order to build up your Kingdom and your Church here on earth. Amen

### Intro:

When we speak about 'the Church' we are not talking about a building, but rather, a group of people. The origin of the Church lies deep within the plan of God from the very beginning of time. The word Church mean 'to gather together', and through His Church, God invites us to gather together to share in His divine life.

Read p. 26 & 27

Define and describe the term 'Laypeople':

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### Watch and Learn:

Each of us has a vocation (calling or mission from God). Watch the following video:

11.3 Finding your Mission: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-11-3.html>

There are 4 states of life which we can choose to help us best live out our Mission: Single, Married, Consecrated (as a Nun or Brother) or Ordained life (as a priest, bishop or deacon).

Look up the saints listed on the following worksheet and answer the questions about which state of life they chose and how they used their gifts to serve God and His Church.

### Ending Prayer:

[Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Come, Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to see the many gifts and talents that God has blessed me with. Inspire me so I can use these gifts in new ways for God's glory. [Imagine yourself sitting with God. How is he asking you to use your gifts at this time in your life?]. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

## People of God Worksheet

Look up the following Saints and write which state of life they chose (Single, Married, Consecrated or Ordained), and some of the talents/gifts that they had and used in their calling/mission.

### **Saint Monica**

State of Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents/gifts and how she used them:

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### **Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)**

State of Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents/gifts and how she used them:

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### **Blessed Carlo Acutis**

State of Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents/gifts and how she used them:

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### **Saint Maximillian Kolbe**

State of Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents/gifts and how she used them:

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**Lesson 15:** The Mystery of the Church

**Opening Prayer:** [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]  
Pray the Apostles Creed found on p. 160

**Intro:**

We learned last week that the Church is a group of people, not a building. It is this group of people (which includes us!) who are called to be God’s instruments in the world, that is, to be God’s hands, feet and heart. While our actions in the Church are visible, there is also a deeper Mystery of the church that we cannot see.

Read p.36 & 37. Explain one reason why the Church is a Mystery:

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**Watch and Learn:**

Yours are the hands: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaFk7nlPmMU>

In what ways did the young man in the video act as the Body of Christ?

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How does this video explain what it means to belong to the Body of Christ?

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10 Great Reasons to be Catholic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-9-4.html>

How can I share my unique talents and gifts in the Church?

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**Ending Prayer:**

One way that we can participate as God’s instruments in the Body of Christ (i.e. the Church) is by praying for others. With a family member, pray the Prayer for God’s People on p. 44 in your text. Remember to begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

## Lesson 16: The 4 Marks of the Church

**Opening Prayer:** [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Pray the Nicene Creed found on p. 160

### Intro:

Just as each of us have certain qualities that make us unique, the Church also has certain characteristics (or Marks) that make it unique. These are found in the Nicene Creed from our Opening Prayer – the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Read p. 50 & 51. Define the following terms:

Apostolic Succession:

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Magisterium:

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### Watch and Learn:

One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-9-2.html>

Briefly explain the meaning of each Mark of the Church based on the information from the video on the following worksheet.

### Ending Prayer:

[Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross].

Let's pray the prayer Jesus prayed the night before He died:

"As you Father are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

(John 17: 21b-23.) Amen.

## Marks of the Church Worksheet:

Briefly explain each of the 4 marks of the church based in the information from the video and/or your text.

The Church is one:

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The Church is holy:

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The Church is catholic:

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The Church is apostolic:

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