

## Family Activity

### Lesson 5: What is the Church?

*Materials Needed:* Bible, paper, writing utensil

**Kids ask Parents/Parents ask Kids:** What is your favorite thing about being Catholic?

**Discuss:** We say in the creed that the Church is one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic

1. One: The People of God are united as the Body of Christ
  - a. What functions do the parts of our body have: fingers, nose, lungs, heart, etc.? How do they work together? What functions do the People of God have in the Church: priest, deacons, staff, volunteers, families? What can you do for our Church?
  - b. Make a list of people you see when you come to Mass.
2. Holy: The Church is led by the Holy Spirit and helps us to become holy
  - a. How does the Church help you to become more holy?
  - b. **ACTIVITY:** Pray this ancient prayer to the Holy Spirit: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*
3. Catholic: The word Catholic means universal. Christ is present in the Church all over the world!
  - a. Why is it important for the Church to be universal?
  - b. **ACTIVITY:** Search online for pictures of other Catholic churches you have attended in our area, when visiting family, or even on vacation. What about those churches is the same, and what is different?
4. Apostolic: The Apostles began the mission that Jesus gave them, and passed that mission down from generation to generation to our pope, bishops, and priests we have today!
  - a. Read the Great Commission that Jesus left the apostles in Matthew 28:20. How do our clergy continue that mission today?
  - b. **ACTIVITY:** Search online for pictures of Pope Francis, Bishop Zubik, Fr. Dave Bonnar, Fr. Will Wuenschel, Deacon Al Heiles, and Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski

**Challenge:** Next time you drive past both of our parish churches, pull in the parking lot and look at the Church. What is the difference between the Church as a building and the Church as the People of God? Say a prayer for the People of God in St. Aidan parish.

**Turn In:** On the Christ in Us platform, have each child complete an assignment.