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# EVERLASTING

An Edge Night on One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

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## TEACHING GUIDE

### THE CHURCH IS ONE

- *Explain how the small group game represented unity and oneness because the youth all had to work as one unit to complete the challenge.*
- The Church is united as one. All of the Catholic churches around the world are a part of the one Church. (CCC 813-816)
- The unity of the Church comes from the unity of the Trinity — the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who are all one God. (CCC 813-816)
- The Church is one and was established by Jesus Christ; the Catholic Church is the one true Church. (CCC 813-816)
- There have been divisions to the one Church throughout history and that is why there are so many different Christian denominations. We, as Catholics, are called to pray that someday we will all be united again. (CCC 819-921)
- Even though the Church and all the people are one, there is beautiful diversity among all of the people who make up the Church. (CCC 814-815)
- *Share about a talent you have used in some way to support or bless your local parish.*

### THE CHURCH IS HOLY

- *Ask the youth for a few examples of what they said were holy things during the Gather game.*
- The Church is holy because Jesus is holy. (CCC 823-824)
- Though the Church is holy that does not mean all of the members of the Church are holy or perfect. (CCC 826-827)
- We are all sinners and we all make mistakes, but the sins of the people who make up the Church do not make the Church any less holy. (CCC 826-827)
- We are all in need of forgiveness; no one is perfect. Jesus did not come for perfect people and did not create the Church only for perfect people.
- *Read Luke 5:31-32.*
- Everyone is in need of Jesus — His gift of salvation and forgiveness — and the Church should be a place where everyone feels welcome.
- We have been learning about different saints each Edge Night. We have so many saints that we can look to as examples of imperfect people who lived holy lives. (CCC 828-829)
- *Briefly share about your favorite saint and why he or she is your favorite.*

## THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC

- *Ask the youth what their favorite tradition is in their family for different holidays or about some Catholic traditions that are specific to their culture or language.*
- Just like you all have different practices that celebrate the same holidays, there are many different traditions that Catholics have around the world, even though they are still a part of the one Church.
- The word Catholic means “universal.” (CCC 830)
- Jesus is always present in the Church and the Catholic Church has the fullness of salvation, meaning she gives us the best and most direct path to heaven. (CCC 830)
- We become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism but that is not the end; we are called to participate in the sacraments, teachings, and life of the Church. (CCC 836-838)
- The Catholic Church recognizes the goodness of and some similarities with other religions, but holds that the fullness of the truth remains in the Catholic Church. (CCC 843-846)
- We show great respect to other religions, but we are, at the same time, called to share our faith and the fullness of truth and salvation with all people. (CCC 849-856)
- *Share some ways the youth can share their faith with people of different faiths.*

## THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC

- *Ask the youth about the game with the hula hoop; ask if they found it easy or hard and why.*
- Our Church is apostolic, which means that she was founded on the apostles. (CCC 857)
- The apostles were chosen by Jesus. He gave them a mission and He founded the Church through them.
- Since the time of the apostles until now, there has been an unbroken line of successors in our local church who continue to carry out the mission Jesus gave to the apostles. (CCC 857-862)
- We can see this unbroken line most clearly through the popes, but all parish priests are an extension of the apostolic line.
- *Project an image of all of the popes starting with St. Peter.*
- The pope and our priests are not the only ones who are called to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ. We are also called to go out to the whole world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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