

Grade 8 - Lesson 7

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

Jesus has given the Church the authority and duty to teach, sanctify, and govern the members of the Church, and he has given her the gift of infallibility to protect her from error.



Jesus gave the Apostles the mission of baptizing and evangelizing the world, and instituted his Church with a hierarchy to continue that mission after the death of the Apostles.

Catechetical Points

- Safe Environment
- The Magisterium of the Church

Materials

- [Circle of Grace lesson plan](#)
- Me, Others, and Challenges in Living My Faith
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - Bishop Barron on Papal Infallibility
 - <https://youtu.be/qij6Y873DI8>
 - What is the Structure of the Church? (3MC Episode 55) by Donjojohannes
 - <https://youtu.be/cHEzyxxlktY>

Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[5 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Pray the Anima Christi (student text page 185, teacher's manual page 351)

[30 min] **Safe Environment**

- Use the [Circle of Grace lesson plan](#) for this part of the lesson.

[15 min] **Authority of the Church**

- **Who has authority over you?**
- **What happens when you choose not to obey authority?**
- **What does freedom mean to you?** See the notes on page 47 in the teacher's manual.
- Read page 32 in the student text (page 53 in the teacher's manual).
- Watch **Bishop Barron on Papal Infallibility**
 - <https://youtu.be/qij6Y873DI8>
- The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church, which is made up of the Pope and bishops.
- Read the second paragraph on page 36 in the student text.

[15 min] **Church Hierarchy**

- Watch **What is the Structure of the Church?** (3MC Episode 55) by Donjojohannes
 - <https://youtu.be/cHEzyxxlktY>
- Read page 39 and the first column of page 40.
- Draw the **Chalk Talk** on page 49 of the teacher's manual.
- The Church is spread throughout the world and is divided into various dioceses. We are in the Diocese of Madison, and our bishop is Robert Morlino.
- Each diocese is divided into parishes. We belong to St. Michael the Archangel Parish, which is made up of Holy Redeemer and St. Ignatius churches.

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.
- Before praying, give the students some ideas of what to pray for:
 - Is there something troubling you this week?
 - Is there someone you know who needs God's help?
 - What are you grateful to God for?