



BLESSED TO BE CATHOLIC

"It was the Son's task to accomplish the Father's plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent.¹⁶⁰ "The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures."¹⁶¹ To fulfill the Father's will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. the Church 'is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.'¹⁶²" *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* 763

"When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church."¹⁷⁴" CCC 767

"Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: 'Therefore . . . we are members one of another.'⁷² Baptism incorporates us *into the Church*." CCC 1267

"Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us.⁷⁶ From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to 'obey and submit' to the Church's leaders,⁷⁷ holding them in respect and affection.⁷⁸ Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church."⁷⁹ CCC 1269

"The Lord Jesus endowed his community with a structure that will remain until the Kingdom is fully achieved." CCC 765

"Christ is himself the source of ministry in the Church. He instituted the Church. He gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal:

In order to shepherd the People of God and to increase its numbers without cease, Christ the Lord set up in his Church a variety of offices which aim at the good of the whole body. the holders of office, who are invested with a sacred power, are, in fact, dedicated to promoting the interests of their brethren, so that all who belong to the People of God ... may attain to salvation.³⁸⁹" CCC 874

160 Cf. LG 3; AG 3.

161 LG 5.

162 LG 3.

174 LG 4; Cf. Jn 17:4.

72 Eph 4:25.

76 Cf. 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:15.

77 Heb 13:17.

78 Cf. Eph 5:21; 1 Cor 16:15-16; 1 Thess 5:12-13; Jn 13:12-15.

79 Cf. LG 37; CIC, cann. 208 223; CCEO, can. 675:2.

389 LG 18.

Being an active, participating member of the Church provides us with:

- direct access to all the means of salvation Jesus gives, i.e. sacraments;
- secure teaching authority under the umbrella of the Roman Catholic Church;
- spiritual protection and pastoral care in Christian community.

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for younger saints

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 - c. at your Baptism.

2. We are all a part of:
 - a. the Church.
 - b. the Body of Christ.
 - c. God's family.

3. What is the greatest prayer of all?
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1. The life of Christ within you grows each time you choose to do something good and right.
True False

2. The family is often called:
 - a. on the telephone.
 - b. a great team.
 - c. the “domestic church.”

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Quiz Answers

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True

False

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Answers will vary.

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Refer to the lesson.

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“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17