

The Four Marks of the Church

Chapter 11 USCCA

The Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic (CCC 811-962)

Summary

In the words of the Creed, we profess "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." These four characteristics, or "marks," affirm the essential features of the Catholic Church, her origin, and her mission in the world. The Church does not possess these characteristics; rather, we believe that it is Christ who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, makes his Body, the Church, "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic."

Questions

1. (127-1) Name the four marks of the Church.
2. (127-3) How can the unity that Christ gave the Church be lost?
3. (127-4) What were the first 2 separations in the Church and when did they occur?
4. (128-1) What is the Catholic Church's understanding of the term "ecumenical"?
5. (129-2) What is meant by the statement "*The Church is Holy?*"
6. (130-4) While there is only one Latin Church in the US, how many other different Catholic Churches are in this country?
7. (130-4) How do the Eastern Churches differ from the Latin Church?
8. (130-5) What is meant by the statement "*There exists an imperfect communion between the Catholic Church and other Christian churches?*"
9. (131-1) What is the current status of the covenant God made with the Jewish people through Moses?
10. (131-2) What does the Church say about salvation in regard to Muslims?
11. (131-4) How is dialogue a form of evangelization?
12. (132-3) What does "indefectibility" mean?
13. (133-2) What are the 3 roles the bishops perform?
14. (133-2) Who is the principal celebrant of the Sacraments?
15. (133-3) Why has the Church, through its Magisterium, been changed with the responsibility of interpreting Revelation?
16. (134-2) How would you explain the phrase "religious submission" in the last sentence of this paragraph and why is it important?
17. (134-3) In what context do the laity fulfill their role as "priest, prophet and king?"