

Chapter  
**1**

# The Holy Spirit Guides Us to Become Church

### Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. realize that a world community of Jesus' followers makes up the Catholic Church.
2. understand that we are called to help show that the Catholic Church is one body.
3. learn that we are all baptized into one faith.

### Faith Words

Christian  
Catholic Church

### Self-Evaluation

This session was

- one of the best
- pretty good
- in need of improvement

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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
<b>Share</b> 15 minutes (p. 27)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray the Scripture verse.</li> <li>• Read the text and discuss personal experiences.</li> <li>• Complete the e-mail activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List ways to send good news.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• materials for prayer corner (p. 24C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u></li> <li>• pencils or pens</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 1a</b> See Catechist Guide page 24D.</p>	<p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Dove's Letter</i> Keith Baker (Harcourt Brace, 1993) When Dove tries to deliver an unaddressed letter, she brings good news to everyone who reads it.</li> </ul>
<b>Hear &amp; Believe</b> 25 minutes (pp. 28-29)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the illustration.</li> <li>• Read and discuss the Scripture story about Saint Paul.</li> <li>• Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches."</li> <li>• Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rewrite Saint Paul's message.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibles (one for every two children)</li> <li>• CD player</li> </ul>	<p><b>Audio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 1</li> </ul> <p><b>Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sunday Morning</i> (15 min.) (Oblate Media) Colorful multicultural images of Sunday worship come to life.</li> </ul>
<b>Respond</b> 20 minutes (pp. 30-32)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read about Church members.</li> <li>• Discuss the photographs.</li> <li>• Do the pictures activity.</li> <li>• Do the reporter activity.</li> <li>• Pray "A Petition Prayer for God's Church."</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the symbols activity.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper or notebooks</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 1b</b> See Catechist Guide, page 25.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "We Are One" (Unit 1 song, page 24) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 2 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #12 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #107</li> <li>• "Song of the Body of Christ" *BLEST ARE WE music CD 4, Track 6 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #21 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #807</li> </ul>

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- Complete the **Chapter Review**, p. 33.
- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Catechists, p. 34
- Distribute the **Take Home Family Time** pages for this and the next chapter.

Chapter  
**2**

# We Receive the Sacraments of Initiation

### Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. identify Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as the Sacraments of Initiation.
2. understand that the Church supports us and helps our faith to grow.
3. understand and value their membership in the Catholic Church.

### Faith Words

sacrament  
Sacraments of Initiation

### Self-Evaluation

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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
<b>Share</b> 15 minutes (p. 37)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray the opening verse.</li> <li>• Read the text and discuss personal experiences.</li> <li>• Complete the welcome activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome others in different languages.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• materials for prayer corner (p. 34C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u></li> <li>• pencils or pens</li> <li>• markers</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 2a</b> See Catechist Guide, page 34D.</p>	<p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pa Lia's First Day</i> Michelle Edwards (Harcourt Brace, 1999) Pa Lia overcomes her fears and mistakes and finds she is welcome at her new school.</li> </ul>
<b>Hear &amp; Believe</b> 25 minutes (pp. 38-39)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the photographs.</li> <li>• Read and discuss the Liturgy about the Sacraments of Initiation.</li> <li>• Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches."</li> <li>• Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the Christian symbol activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DVD player</li> <li>• TV monitor</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper</li> <li>• markers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Videos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *DVD <i>Quick Clips 3</i>, Segment I "Sacraments of Initiation"</li> </ul> <p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Peek into My Church</i> Wendy Goody and Veronica Kelly (Whippersnapper Books, 1999) Children learn about essential Catholic beliefs and rituals, including Baptism.</li> </ul>
<b>Respond</b> 20 minutes (pp. 40-42)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the photo.</li> <li>• Read the story about Abeni.</li> <li>• Do the active member activity.</li> <li>• Do the missing letters activity.</li> <li>• Pray "A Prayer of Initiation."</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw Baptism cards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD player</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• colored paper</li> <li>• scissors</li> <li>• glue</li> <li>• markers and pens</li> <li>• stickers</li> <li>• recycled greeting cards</li> <li>• magazines</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 2b</b> See Catechist Guide, page 35</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "We Are One" (Unit 1 song, page 24)</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 2</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #12</li> <li>• *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #107</li> <li>• "Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/ We Are the Body of Christ"</li> <li>• *GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME CD, Track 17</li> <li>• *GIFTS FOR A LIFETIME Song Book #31</li> </ul>

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Confirmation Sponsor, p. 44
- Distribute the **Take Home Family Time** pages for the next chapter.

Chapter  
**3**

# We Show Our Love for One Another

### Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. know and give examples of what it means to care.
2. understand that God calls us to love everyone because we are created in God's image.
3. recognize the Christian family as the domestic church.

### Faith Words

neighbor  
domestic church

### Self-Evaluation

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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
<b>Share</b> 15 minutes (p. 47)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray the Scripture verse.</li> <li>• Read the text and discuss personal experiences.</li> <li>• Complete the circle and color activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a loving family book.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• materials for prayer corner (p. 44C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u></li> <li>• pencils or pens</li> <li>• markers</li> <li>• DVD player</li> <li>• TV monitor</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 3a</b> See Catechist Guide, page 44D.</p>	<p><b>Videos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *DVD <i>Quick Clips 3</i>, Segment 2 “Helping Others”</li> <li>• <i>Francesco’s Friendly World Series—The Broken Cross</i> (31 min.) (Oblate Media) Songs and prayers help Francesco turn enemies into friends.</li> </ul>
<b>Hear &amp; Believe</b> 25 minutes (pp. 48-49)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the illustration.</li> <li>• Read and discuss the Scripture story about Peter and John.</li> <li>• Teach the doctrine in “Our Church Teaches.”</li> <li>• Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the early Christians activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD player</li> </ul>	<p><b>Audio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>An Angel for Solomon Singer</i> Cynthia Rylant (Orchard Books, 1992) This story shows that by reaching out to others we can make a difference in their lives.</li> </ul>
<b>Respond</b> 20 minutes (pp. 50-52)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the story about Saint Martin.</li> <li>• Discuss the painting.</li> <li>• Write about showing love.</li> <li>• Pray “A Meditation Prayer.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make hearts of love.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper</li> <li>• medium-sized paper hearts (4 for each student)</li> <li>• small stickers</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 3b</b> See Catechist Guide, page 45.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We Are One” (Unit 1 song, page 24)</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 2</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #12</li> <li>• *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #107</li> <li>• Instrumental Tracks</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Tracks 10–15</li> <li>• Meditation Tracks</li> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Tracks 7–8</li> </ul>

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Helping Poor and Homeless People, p. 54.
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Chapter  
**4**

# Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray

### Learning Focus

This chapter will help the children

1. realize that Jesus teaches us how to pray.
2. understand that we pray for help, to give thanks, to praise, and to ask forgiveness.
3. learn about the Kingdom of God.

### Faith Words

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Kingdom of God

### Self-Evaluation

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Teaching Steps	Materials	Multimedia Resources
<b>Share</b> 15 minutes (p. 57)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray the Scripture verse.</li> <li>• Read the text and discuss personal experiences.</li> <li>• Match the names to countries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pantomime activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• materials for prayer corner (p. 54C) or see <u>Prayer Corner</u></li> <li>• pencils or pens</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 4a</b> See Catechist Guide, page 54D.</p>	<p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Basket Moon</i> Mary Lyn Ray (Little Brown and Company, 1999) A young boy who wants to be like his father changes his mind after a humiliating incident—until time and the wind show him the truth.</li> </ul>
<b>Hear &amp; Believe</b> 25 minutes (pp. 58-59)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the illustration.</li> <li>• Read and discuss the Scripture story about the Lord's Prayer.</li> <li>• Teach the doctrine in "Our Church Teaches."</li> <li>• Discuss We Believe and review the Faith Words.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare two versions of prayer.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibles (one for every two children)</li> <li>• CD player</li> </ul>	<p><b>Audio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *BLEST ARE WE Scripture CD 3, Track 3</li> </ul> <p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leading Students into Prayer: Ideas and Suggestions from A to Z</i> Mary Kathleen Glavich (Twenty-Third Publications, 1993) This resource contains many short, creative ways to encourage children to pray.</li> </ul>
<b>Respond</b> 20 minutes (pp. 60-62)		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read about and discuss types of prayer.</li> <li>• Write one type of prayer.</li> <li>• Do the psalms activity.</li> <li>• Pray "Prayers of Sharing."</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design a CD jacket.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Activity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• white paper</li> <li>• markers</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity Master 4b</b> See Catechist Guide, page 55.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "We Are One" (Unit 1 song, page 24) *BLEST ARE WE music CD 3, Track 2 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #12 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #107</li> <li>• "The Lord's Prayer" *BLEST ARE WE music CD 4, Track 7 *BLEST ARE WE Song Book #22 *Gather Comprehensive II Hymnal #164</li> </ul>

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- Complete **Faith in Action** – Parish Ministry about Prayer Groups, p. 64.
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