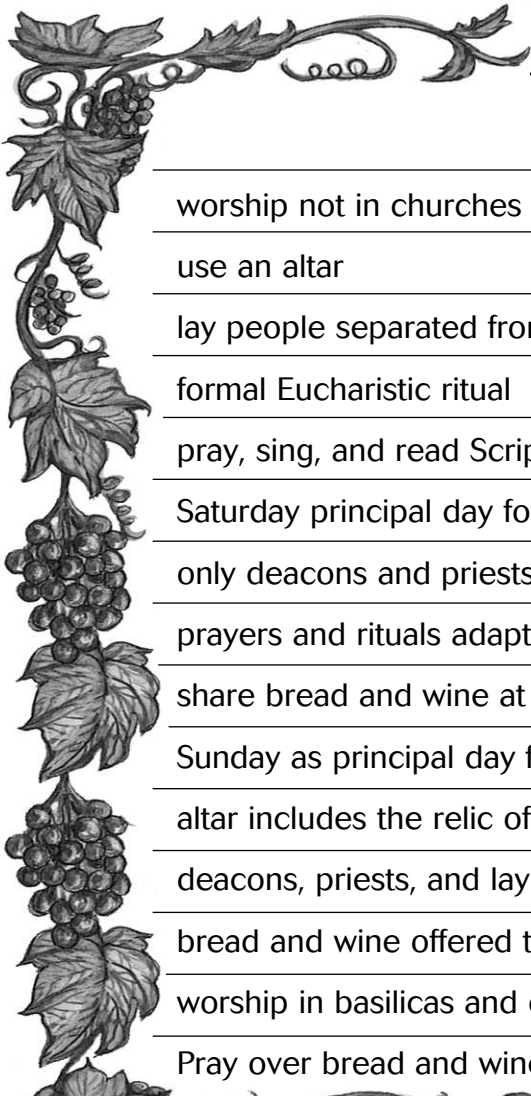


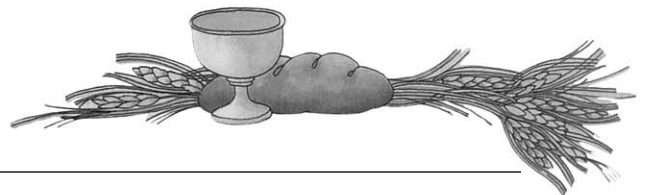
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share bread and wine at communal meals only			
Sunday as principal day for Eucharist			
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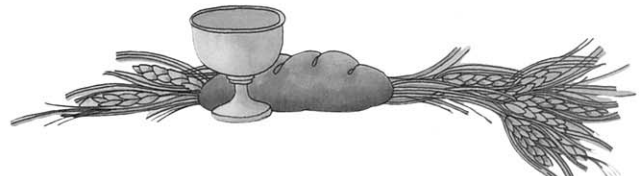
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**Parents, Catechists, Teachers:** The Church's liturgy will continue to change over time to meet the needs of the Church's members. Throughout history the essential signs and words of the liturgy remain the same. Discuss the possible change your young person has suggested.