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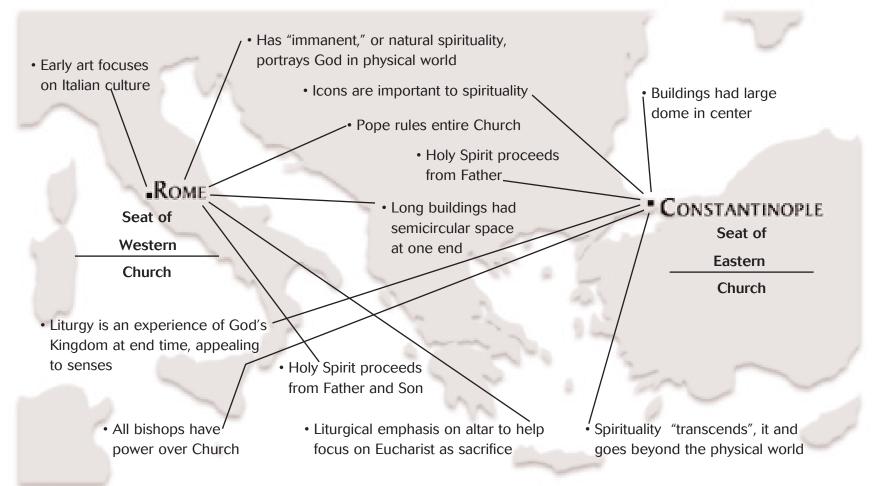
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Parents, Catechists, Teachers: Note that there is only one Church, even though it has Eastern and Western Rites. Catholics may fulfill worship obligations in either Rite. You may wish to visit an Eastern Rite Catholic Church in your area together where you will find both differences and similarities in the liturgy.