

Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe
Directed Reading Worksheet
Chapter 4 *The Church: The Body of Christ*

Directions: As you read through the chapter, fill in the information below. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true or false statement is false, correct it.

Pages 96–97 *Where Christ Is, There is the Church*

1. Explain what is meant by “Basin Theology.” What questions does it ask?

2. The word _____ is based on the Greek words *kyriake oikia*, which we translate as “the _____ of the Lord.” As a family, the Church is meant to _____ the Gospel message, and each person has a role to play because the work of the Church is _____.

3. What is *evangelization*?

4. True or False?
Jesus’ presence in the Church guarantees her ultimate success.

Pages 98–100 *What Is Church?*

5. Jesus Christ is the _____ of his body and we are its _____. Jesus gives his body direction and _____. The _____ is the soul of the Church who lives in the _____ and showers on them gifts we need to be _____, alive, and _____.

6. The word *church* is also translated from a Greek word meaning “_____, convocation, or assembly.” Authors of the Old Testament used this term for God’s _____. Being chosen means having a special task or _____.

7. Summarize three ways of understanding the word *church*.

Name _____ Date _____

8. The Church is both a means and a _____ of the great _____ of God's love for us. Each divine _____ of the Blessed Trinity was involved in _____ for the Church and helping it come into _____.
9. _____ foreshadowed the Church and the Father prepared for the Church in the _____ times when he called _____ and formed a people. _____ was the sign of the Church that was to come.
10. God sent the _____ to accomplish his plan of _____ which he did by establishing the _____, a direct result of his preaching and his own _____ of selfless love.
11. The Church celebrates the Paschal mystery of Salvation in its _____, especially the holy _____. Christ built the Church on _____ and the _____.
12. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- The Holy Spirit gives the Magisterium only the gifts we need to do what Christ commanded.
 - The Church was made holy by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.
 - Each person of the Blessed Trinity had a role in the planning of the Church.
13. What are the three spiritual and divine realities that come together in the Church?

14. Explain five scriptural images of the Church.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

Pages 100–105 *More Descriptions of the Church*

15. The word mystery and _____ are closely connected. The term sacrament refers to a very special kind of sign or _____. A sacrament is an _____ symbol which means it brings about what it points to and _____ the very reality it represents.

16. Jesus is the _____ sacrament of God’s love because he not only points to God; he _____ God. Because of the presence of Jesus and his Holy Spirit in the _____, it too is a sacrament. It is a _____ of Christ Jesus in our _____.

17. Because a sacrament is a mystery it has both visible and _____ aspects to it; including the _____ Sacraments. The Eucharist not only _____ communion with Jesus, it really _____ it.

18. What are three important truths revealed by the understanding of Church as sacrament?

19. What are seven distinct characteristics of the People of God?

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

20. The People of God are those who are _____ and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and _____. This includes not only those who are ordained or in _____, but the _____ as well.

21. This makes us _____ to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the _____. Catholics are called to be _____ of Christ's love.

22. True or False?

Because we are joined to Christ, we share his priestly, prophetic, and royal office which makes us missionaries and ambassadors of Christ.

23. Briefly explain these tasks and challenges of the Church's mission as People of God:

(a) Message –

(b) Community –

(c) Service –

(d) Worship –

24. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Each Catholic has a role to play as prophets, teachers, healers, and so forth.
- The Church is a mystical communion by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Eucharist incorporates us into the Body of Christ

25. True or False?

According to the CCC, We are linked to poor, persecuted, and suffering people because of Christ.

26. Though we are _____ with Jesus, he is still _____ from us. Christ is the _____ while the Church is his _____.

27. Although we have all been endowed with different _____ according to the part we are to _____, we all have been given the gift of _____. Love puts tremendous _____ on us to do what Christ wants us to do.

28. The Church is the _____ of the Holy Spirit. He _____ in it. He is its soul and _____ it up, gives it life, and makes each of us _____ by uniting us to Christ Jesus.

Pages 106–111 *Membership and Ministries in the Church*

29. Members of the Catholic Church are those baptized Christians who:

(a)

(b)

(c)

30. Each Catholic ministers in the Church in different ways and is called to one of the three categories membership: _____

31. The _____ is the order of ministry established by Jesus Christ on the Apostles and their _____. It includes the pope and bishops and their co-workers, _____. Its three essential roles are to: _____ the faith truthfully and fully; _____ the members of the Church, and _____ the Church wisely as loving shepherds.

32. The _____ includes any baptized Catholics who have not received _____ nor belong to a religious state. They are called to be involved in the social, _____, and economic affairs of the wider human _____ and to direct them according to God's _____.

33. Those in consecrated or _____ life can be members of the hierarchy or _____ and include men (_____) and women (_____) in religious orders. They serve as a special gift to their fellow Catholics as unique _____ to the Lord's union with his Church.

34. What are the three evangelical counsels professed by consecrated religious?

35. Baptism makes each Catholic a _____ with equal dignity and conveys a share in Christ's roles as _____.

36. Explain the ways Catholics participate in these three offices of Christ's ministry:

(a) priest –

(b) prophet –

(c) king –

37. What is a priest? What are two things he does?

38. True or False?

Though some men have a Christian vocation to Holy Orders, by virtue of our Confirmation, each of us is called to holiness.

39. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- A sacramental marriage is a miniature Church in which the parents lead their children to holiness.
- Laymen and women serve God's people in particular ministries.
- The common priesthood serves the ministerial priesthood.

40. The sacred leadership of the Church receives its ministry of service from the _____. They do not act on their own _____, but continue the service of _____ and the Apostles whom Jesus _____ to carry on his work of Salvation.

41. The pope is the _____ of Peter. He is a symbol of _____ and has _____ over the whole Church. He is the _____ of Christ. We base this belief on Christ's own teaching when he says, "... you are Peter, and upon this _____ I will build my _____."

42. Summarize the three ways the pope and bishops exercise their prophetic role in the Church.

(a) Magisterial teaching –

(b) Ecumenical councils –

(c) Infallibility –

43. What are the three conditions for when the Holy Father teaches infallibly?

44. True or False?

Papal infallibility does not mean that the Pope is free from sin or mistakes.

45. Why does Christ share his teaching and ruling authority?

Pages 112–115 *Marks of the Church*

46. The marks of the Church are _____ in the Church and challenge her to live up to her true _____. They point to Christ and the Holy Spirit _____ in the Church. But because the members of the Church are _____, the marks are not always visible.

47. The _____ is the source of unity in the Church. The Church is _____ because of its _____, Jesus Christ, and its _____, the Holy Spirit. Also, Christ continues to _____ for unity in his Church.

48. What are visible bonds of unity in the Church?

49. Christ is the _____ for the Church's holiness, and Jesus and the Father have sent the Holy Spirit to _____ her and unite her to the Triune God. The Church is _____ because the Holy Spirit lives in her. Its members are "saints" meaning "_____."

50. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Holiness is something we achieve on our own.
- Saints serve as models of holiness for us and teach us the same things Jesus taught us.
- Though the Church is holy, the members of the Church are both holy and sinful, always in need of conversion.

51. Summarize the four ways the Church is *catholic*.

52. True or False?

The Church is apostolic because she continues the faith of the saints, those Christ especially chose and sent forth to proclaim the gospel to all people.

53. The Church is _____ because she was founded on the Apostles, because she continues to _____ the teaching of the Apostles without changing anything _____ through the ages, and because she continues to be led by the College of _____, the successors of the _____.

Pages 117–119 *Ecumenism: The Church and Other Religions*

54. The true Church of Jesus Christ _____ in the Catholic Church, meaning that in her can be found the _____ of the means of _____ that Christ left with us.

55. Who is the symbol and servant of the Church's unity?

56. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Due to sin, the Church historically has not always been a perfect example of the four marks
- The lack of perfect unity in the Church is due to heresy which has resulted in various Christian denominations
- Unity among Christians is rooted in the Holy Eucharist, even among those who are not professed Catholics.

57. Explain the meaning of the terms heresy, apostasy, and schism.

58. True or False?

Holiness can be found outside of the Catholic Church.

59. What is ecumenism?

60. True or False?

The Church finds nothing to admire in other religions.