

Marks of the Church

VIDEO LINK

http://youtu.be/lhxxaAJ7_nY

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is for young people to come to a better understanding of what we mean when, on Sundays at Mass, when we profess to believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

VIDEO SUMMARY

In this video, Bishop Don Hying explains the four marks of the Church. The Church is one, united in faith and Baptism. The Church is holy, not because of us, but because God is holy and shares His life with us. The Church is catholic or universal because her embrace extend to the whole world. The Church is based on the witness of the Apostles and this calls us to mission.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Before seeing this video was there a mark of the Church that you did not understand?
2. The is made up of sinners and fallen human beings. How can we say she is “holy?”
3. Why are the four marks of the Church the “foundation” of the Catholic Church?
4. The same apostles who were friends with Jesus were the first leaders of the Catholic Church. Why is this significant?
5. Hundreds of martyrs have died for their belief in Jesus Christ and His Church. Often, when encouraged by their executioners to renounce their faith, they recited the words of the Creed. How does that impact your conviction in your own profession of faith?

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Let's close with everyone standing and together reciting the Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.