

We Profess, We Believe
One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

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United States Catholic Catechism for Adults The material from today's talk follows Chapters 10, 11, & 13	
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35	<p><i>The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.</i></p> <p><i>With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.</i></p> <p><i>There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.</i></p>
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 113	<p>“The word <i>Church</i> is a translation of biblical words: the Hebrew word <i>qahal</i>, and the Greek word <i>ekklesia</i>, both of which mean “gathering of people or community”</p>
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 112	<p>“The Holy Trinity brought the Church into being. The Father called the church into existence. The Son established the Church. The Holy Spirit filled the church with power and wisdom at Pentecost.”</p>
United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 114	<p>“As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam’s side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the Cross. (CCC, no. 766, citing LG, no. 3, and SC, no. 5)”</p> <p>(cf. John 19:31-37)</p>
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 763	<p>“The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.”</p>
	<p>Stories in the Acts of the Apostles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 1 – Before Ascending Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit • Acts 3 – Peter heals the Crippled Man • Acts 5:17-42 Peter is put on trial • Acts 6 – The first deacons • Acts 7 – Stephen becomes the first martyr • Acts 8 – Because of the persecution the Church spreads • Acts 9 – Paul’s Conversion • Acts 10 & 11 – Mission to the Gentiles • Acts 13-21 – Paul’s Missionary Journeys • Acts 15 – The Council of Jerusalem

<p>United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 117-118</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priestly People (117) – “Their works, prayers, activities of family and married life, apostolic endeavors, relaxation, and even the sufferings and setbacks of life can become spiritual offerings pleasing to God when united to the sacrifice of Christ.” 2. Prophetic people (117) – “This means both teaching and witnessing God’s Word in the world. A real prophet, by teaching and good example, leads others to faith. St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Preach always. Sometimes use words.” 3. Kingly People (118) – “Jesus came not “to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mt 20:28).”
<p>United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 121</p>	<p>“The Church needs an institutional framework for its stability, continuity, and mission for serving the cause of the Gospel and opening people to God’s call to holiness. Problems with the institution are not arguments for its removal, but for its renewal.”</p>
<p>United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 128</p>	<p>"At the same time, the Catholic Church recognizes that the Holy Spirit uses other churches and ecclesial communities "as means of salvation, whose power drives from the fullness of grace and truth that Christ has entrusted to the Catholic Church" (CCC, no. 819; LG, no. 8).</p>
<p>Leviticus 19:2b</p>	<p>“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.”</p>
<p>1 Peter 1:15-16</p>	<p>“But, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, “Be holy because I am holy.”</p>
<p>Matthew 5:48</p>	<p>“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 4:2</p>	<p>“In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.”</p>
<p>Catechism of the Catholic Church, 982</p>	<p>“There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. “There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest.””</p>

Catechism of the Catholic Church. Second Edition. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. USCCB, Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006.

For more on “*and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come*” see Fr. Jeff’s presentation from last year on “The Four Last Things” at <http://www.renewaloffaith.org/video---last-things.html>