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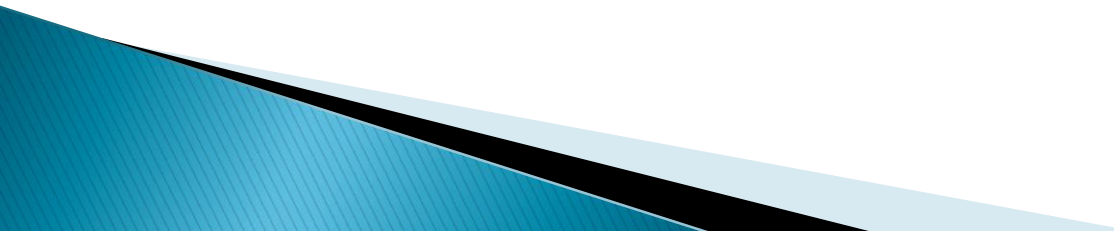
THIS IS OUR FAITH.





▶ **WHAT IS THE
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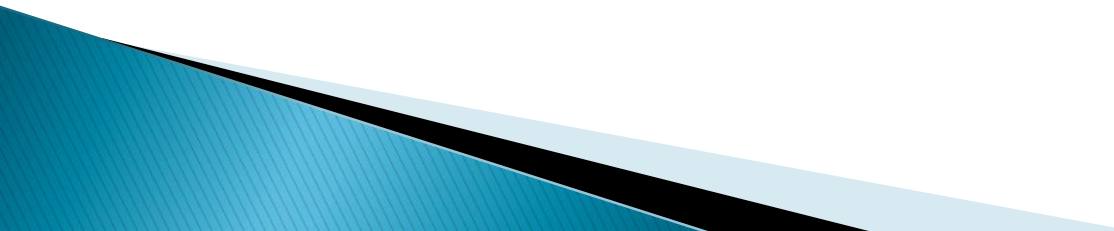
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- ▶ By calling itself "Church," the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly.
 - ▶ In the Church, God is "calling together" his people from all the ends of the earth.
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- ▶ CCC = CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 751–752;777
- ▶ The word "Church" (Latin *ecclesia*, from the Greek *ek-ka-lein*, to "call out of") means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious purpose.¹³⁹ *Ekklesia* is in Greek

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- ▶ Matthew 28; 18–20
 - ▶ “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” NRSV.
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- ▶ St. Augustine of Hippo 4th century
- ▶ “He cannot have God for his father who refuses to have the Church for his mother.”

IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

▶ CCC 753–766;778

1. Mystery of God's loving grace (sacramentum/ mysterion)
2. Pilgrims Church
3. God's building, (TOHS)
4. Farm
5. Christ's bride, (BOJC)
6. The flock of Christ
7. Christ's vineyard
8. God's family
9. Mother

MARKS OF THE CHURCH

▶ The Church:

A. ONE

B. HOLY

C. CATHOLIC

D. APOSTOLIC

SIMPLE QUESTION

- ▶ Martyr and Father of the Church who was the first to apply “Catholic = universal” adjective to the Church? 2nd Century.....

ANSWER

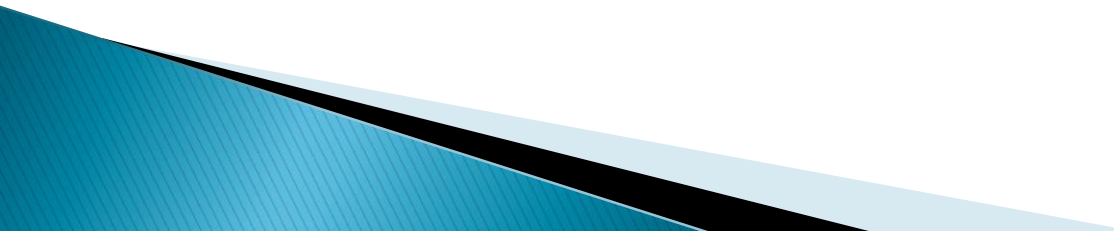
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▶ St. Ignatius of Antioch.

FOR DISCUSSION

- ▶ HOW CAN YOU PERSONALLY HELP TO ENHANCE A UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH YOU BELONG?

THINGS THAT SAINTS DID.

- ▶ "Your reasons for wanting me to stay away from Holy Communion are exactly the ones which cause me to go so often. My distractions are great, but it is in Communion that I recollect myself. I have temptations many times a day; by daily Communion I get the strength to overcome them. I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom; it is for this reason that I go to Holy Communion every day to consult Jesus about them." (St. Thomas More's response when friends reproached him for going to Holy Communion so often).
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James , Cody and German.

- ▶ THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
- ▶ I KNOW THAT YOU WANT A BREAK, RIGHT?
- ▶ KEEP SMILING.....DON'T FALL SLEEP. LOL.