

Lesson 52: The Catholic Church: Unity and Holiness Name: _____

1. What do all of the members of the Catholic Church have in common?

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2. _____
3. _____

2. What are the three words that correspond to these three things?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. What happens to a man deliberately not believing one article of Catholic doctrine?

4. Why is the Catholic Church said to be one in worship if there are different rites of Mass throughout the world?

5. What does not change in the various rites?

6. Besides the Mass what else do Catholics share as regards their sanctification?

7. In what does the Catholic unity in government consist?

8. In what three ways is the Catholic Church holy?

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2. _____
3. _____

9. How can the holiness of the Church be seen in the following?

Founder _____

Standards _____

Means for holiness _____

Members _____

Miracles _____

Works _____

10. Where does Our Lord tell us not to expect that every Catholic would be holy?

11. If the Church is so holy why does she have so many members who are not holy?

“There is only one universal Church of the faithful, outside of which no one at all can be saved.” (Pope Innocent III, Fourth Lateran Council, 1215)

“We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff.” (Pope Boniface VIII, in the bull, Unam Sanctam, 1302)

“The Holy Roman Church firmly believes, professes, and teaches, that none of those who are not within the Catholic Church, not only pagans, but Jews, heretics and schismatics, can ever be partakers of eternal life, but are to go into the eternal fire ‘prepared for the devil, and his angels’ (Mt. 25:41)., unless before the close of their lives they shall have entered into that Church; also that the unity of the ecclesiastical body is such that the Church’s sacraments avail only those abiding in that Church, and that fasts, almsdeeds, and other works of piety which play their part in the Christian combat are in her alone productive of eternal rewards; moreover, that no one, no matter what alms he may have given, not even if he were to shed his blood for Christ’s sake, can be saved unless he abide in the bosom and unity of the Catholic Church.” (Mansi, Concilia, xxxi, 1739; Pope Eugene IV, in the bull, Cantate Domino, 1441).