

## INVITATION 9 – THE CHURCH – CALLED TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

### **Important points:**

- ✚ The Church is not a building, but all the people who believe in Jesus Christ as their saviour.
- ✚ The first Christians gathered together regularly to hear people teach about Jesus.
- ✚ The first Christians spent time together as friends. They shared meals and prayed together. They helped each other and were generous. They worshiped God together.
- ✚ Even though the things in the Bible happened a long time ago, the same things happen at church today.
- ✚ We need to start seeing the church not as a service to meet our needs, but a family for whom we bear responsibility.
- ✚ To know that we all have a role to play in the building of “The Church”
- ✚ The best way by which a child can contribute to the building of “The Church” is “by Praying for himself as well as others”.
- ✚ The Holy Spirit plays a very important role & will prepare them for the next session of Formation, where they will desire out of their own free will to learn more about the Holy Spirit & be prepared to be confirmed in faith.

#### **1. What is the Church?**

The Church is the gathering of people who profess faith in the risen Jesus and his message and who through the power of the Holy Spirit, live a life of loving service to everyone. The church is primarily **people**, a community of believers bound together by a common **faith** in Jesus. ***The real church is you and me.***

#### **2. How does community help us to grow in faith?**

Community attracts the Holy Spirit.

Community fosters love. It teaches us to love in unity & harmony.

Community is forgiving. If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly father will forgive you.

It shows us how important it is to respect each one and be selfless in our way of living.

It encourages us. It helps us to stand up when we fall.

#### **3. What is the Hierarchy of our Catholic Church?**

Pope, Bishops, Priest & People (Simple)

Or

Pope, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons & the Laity

#### **4. Which sacrament are you preparing for? When did Jesus give us the gift of the Holy Spirit?**

Confirmation & Pentecost.

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM. **{MATTHEW 18:20}**

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU YOURSELVES ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOUR MIDST? **{1 CORINTHIANS 3:16}**

EVERY DAY THEY CONTINUED TO MEET TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE COURTS. THEY BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOMES AND ATE TOGETHER WITH GLAD AND SINCERE HEARTS, PRAISING GOD AND ENJOYING THE FAVOR OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED. **{ACTS 2:46-47}**

FOR JUST AS EACH OF US HAS ONE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS, AND THESE MEMBERS DO NOT ALL HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION, SO IN CHRIST WE, THOUGH MANY, FORM ONE BODY, AND EACH MEMBER BELONGS TO ALL THE OTHERS. **{ROMANS 12:4-5}**

## **Bible Study: 1 Samuel – Chapter 11**

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the King of the Ammonites oppressed the Israelites and would gouge out the right eye of each of them (**Nahash**)
- (2) The first enemy of Israel to be defeated by Saul was the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Ammonites**)
- (3) How much time did the elders of Jabesh ask Nahash to give them?  
7 Days - "Give us seven days' respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel".
- (4) What came upon Saul when he heard the news from the messengers of Jabesh?  
The spirit of God came upon Saul in power and his anger was greatly kindled.
- (5) What did Saul do to call the people towards him and Samuel?  
He took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!"
- (6) How were the Ammonites defeated?  
Saul put the people in three companies. At the morning watch they came into the camp and cut down the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and those who survived were scattered so that no two of them were left together.
- (7) Who did the people want Samuel to bring to them after the battle so that they could be put to death?  
Those that had said "Shall Saul reign over us".
- (8) What was Saul's answer to their request?  
No one shall be put to death this day for today the Lord has brought deliverance to Israel.
- (9) Where did Samuel take the people to renew the Kingship of Saul?  
Gilgal and there they made Saul king before the Lord.

### **To Do List for Child :**

**Activity:** Read Invitation Handout 9-A – A Message to the Young People – From Pope John Paul II

**Read :** 1 Samuel – Chapter 11

### **To Do List for Parents:**

*Please ensure your child learns the below prayers during the week:*

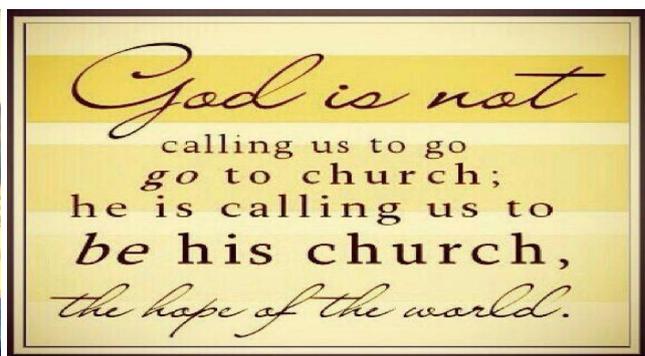
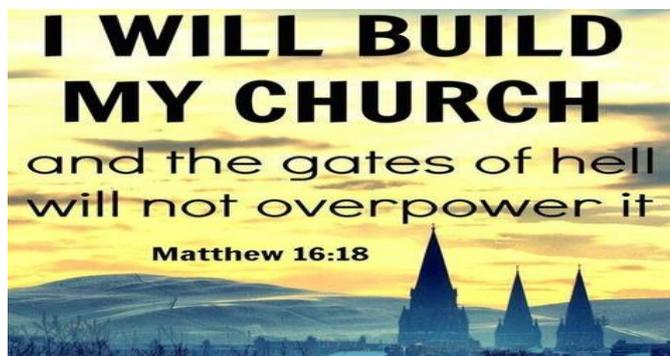
#### *The Precepts of the Church*

-  *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.*
-  *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*
-  *You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.*
-  *You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.*
-  *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*

To Do List for both the child & parent:

TEACHING TO PRAY: THIS IS HOW YOU CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE

- ✚ *Having a Heart of Thanksgiving – Monday - make a list of everything you are thankful for. Make a new list every Monday. By doing this you will grow in gratitude.*
- ✚ *Have a Heart of Worship – Tuesday - On Tuesdays, spend five minutes in worship – singing & praising the Lord*
- ✚ *Having a Heart for His Word – Wednesday - Spend five minutes reading God’s Word each Wednesday*
- ✚ *Having a Heart for the Lost – Thursday – Pray for those friends who have gone the wrong way.*
- ✚ *Having Heart for the Sick – Friday – Pray for all those who you know & are near to you who are sick & ailing*



*Let's work together to instil in our children a strong foundation of Faith so that they may grow in the love for our Faith & the church.*