

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how the Holy Spirit continues to unify the Church and make her holy. One and holy are two Marks of the Church.

God's Word



Read **Ephesians 2:19–21** and discuss how we are all members of God's family.

Catholics Believe

- The Marks of the Church are the four characteristics that identify Christ's Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The Communion of Saints includes all members of the Church, both living and dead, and form one Body in Christ.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #813, 814 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saints Perpetua and Felicity, early martyrs who are remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Oneness of the Church To a child this age it might not seem like the Church is one at all. Children this age have often had friends and family that are part of other faith communities (or other parishes, if they are Catholic). It's important for them to know that Catholics are united through the Communion of Saints, by their faith in Jesus as God's Son, and by other core beliefs and practices.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Have you ever wondered if you are speaking the same language as everyone else in the room?

People often hear what they want and not what is said. It might lead someone to wonder how the Church can speak clearly about God's revelation. "...the Holy Spirit, dwelling in the Church, draws the whole body of the faithful to believe what truly belongs to the faith. 'By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority (*magisterium*), and obeying it, receives not the mere word of men, but truly the word of God (cf. 1 Thes 2:13)...(*LG, no. 12*)" (*USCCA, p. 25*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some differences between Mass at your parish and Mass in other parts of the world.
- Talk about all of the people in your family who are part of the Communion of Saints.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saints Perpetua and Felicity, we remember and honor you and ask you to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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