

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains the role of Peter and the Apostles continued by the Magisterium and how it interprets Jesus' message through the direction of the Holy Spirit, and describes the Precepts of the Church.

Scripture



Read **Ephesians 4:11–13** to learn about the the diversity of gifts used to build up the Church.

Catholics Believe

- Jesus gave the leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful.
- The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #85–87 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Mary Magdalen Postel, who is known for her dedication to religious education.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Church Teaching For most children this age, the experience of the teaching Church is limited to their own parish or school; for example, the things they learn in faith formation and hear in the Mass. However, your child is likely growing in his or her ability to perceive the larger worldwide Church and to understand the role of the bishops and Pope. Your child's respect for these leaders will be influenced by the respect shown by adults around them.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you recall when you first realized that you didn't have all the answers?

As we grow wiser, we realize we are limited in our understanding. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, brings us the fullness of truth. As Catholics, we know the "entire community of Christians received the Apostles' proclamation of the Gospel, and so the church in her entirety is called 'apostolic.' Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the church as a whole remains and will always remain faithful to the teaching of the Apostles" (*USCCA, p. 132*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain some ways the Church teaches us.
- Share a story about someone who helped you understand a Church teaching.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Mary Magdalen, pray for us that we may open our hearts and minds to learn more as we grow in faith and in our love for God. Amen.



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