

Open and read [Images of the Church](#), a *Catholic Resource*, p. 1

Then continue:

1. People of God

1. Read the two paragraphs in the *Catholic Faith Resource* related to People of God.
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10.

3. Answer the following questions:

- What do you like about this image of the Church?

- What does the Scripture passage mean to you?

- "Jesus called together a community made up of all races." What does this mean? What impact does it have on our Church today?

2. Body of Christ

1. Read the two paragraphs in the *Catholic Faith Resource* related to Body of Christ.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

3. Answer the following questions:

- What do you like about this image of the Church?

- "Jesus is the Head of his Body, the Church." What does this mean to you? Why is this important?

- There is great "diversity of function" in the Church. How do you see that in your own parish? What are some of the different roles that people have to make your parish function?

3. Bride of Christ

1. Read the paragraph in the *Catholic Faith Resource* related to Bride of Christ.
2. Read Ephesians 5:25-29.

3. Answer the following questions:

- What do you like about this image of the Church?

- In the Scripture reading, we hear the parallel between husbands and wives and Christ and the Church. Why does this image work? What are the strengths of this parallel?

- "The love and energy of Christ far surpasses any that we can understand." Why are love and energy important to this image? What impact does it have on our Church today?

• Temple of the Holy Spirit

1. Read the paragraph in the *Catholic Faith Resource* related to Temple of the Holy Spirit.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

3. Answer the following questions:

- What do you like about this image of the Church?

- In the Scripture reading, we hear that "God's Spirit dwells in you." (See 1 Corinthians 3:16.) What does this mean to you? Are "you" and "the Church" the same thing in this passage?

- "As the ways of the Holy Spirit are a mystery, so, too, is the Church." How is the Church mysterious to you? How do you think the Holy Spirit works within the Church?

Go to the [Reflecting and Responding](#) form, answer the questions, and submit.

Close with an Our Father.