

“I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church”

Graded Project (50 pts.)

The Four Marks (sometimes called *notes*) of the Church which are listed in the Nicene Creed are TRUE and yet still a challenge for us to fulfill. You will think about these Marks and **write a prayer in your own words** to ask God to make the meaning of these Marks more present, more visible, in The Church today. You will write your prayer on a paper which will be provided, and decorate the symbols which describe each Mark of the Church.

The Church is One- (Meaning) Every baptized Christian is one with Jesus Christ, who is the head of the “Body of Christ” which is the Church. We are united to Him and to each other in and through Jesus. (Challenge) *Think about how we, as Christians, need to pray that all the members of the Body of Christ can be more united, work more closely together, and be healed of our disagreements and divisions.*

The Church is Holy- (Meaning) Jesus Christ, Son of God, is the Head of His Church. The Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church at Pentecost and lives in, and acts in, the Church for all time. Yet we, the members of the Body of Christ, The Church, are not as holy as God calls us to be. (Challenge) *Think about how we need to pray that we can become more like Jesus our Head, and model that holiness to the whole world so all will see that the Church is Holy.*

The Church is Catholic- (Meaning) The Church is for all people and all times. The Church’s members are from every race, language, and land. Yet we are challenged to make this more real in our world. (Challenge) *Think of how we need to pray that all Christians will reach out to those who do not know Christ, and make Him known and loved and bring the whole world into the Church.*

The Church is Apostolic- (Meaning) Jesus Christ gave His apostles the mission, and authority to baptize and teach what He had taught them. This power remains in the Church through the Pope (Bishop of Rome) and all the bishops. Just as The

Holy Spirit remains throughout the generations with The Church, so does the mission and authority of St. Peter (1st Bishop of Rome) and the apostles (1st bishops) remain with their successors, Pope Francis and the Bishops of the Catholic Church. *(Challenge) Think about how we need to pray for our Holy Father and all the bishops as they fulfill their mission. Think of how we need to pray for ourselves so that we will listen and accept the true teachings which we receive from the Church today.*

50 Points

Grading Rubric: Points will be deducted for every day late. Your name must be neatly printed (small) on the paper at bottom left.

1. Symbols Colored (5points)
2. Neat appearance -both words, symbols, and your name **(5points)**
3. Prayers:

ONE- prayer reflects the meaning of the Mark and asks God to help with the challenge we face in living the Mark **(10pts)**

HOLY- prayer reflects the meaning of the Mark and asks God to help with the challenge we face in living the Mark **(10pts)**

CATHOLIC- prayer reflects the meaning of the Mark and asks God to help with the challenge we face in living the Mark **(10pts)**

APOSTOLIC- prayer reflects the meaning of the Mark and asks God to help with the challenge we face in living the Mark **(10pts)**