



Holy Spirit

- Genesis 1:1
- In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.
- **Hebrew "Ruach" means spirit, breath, or wind.**

Spirit in Scripture

- Genesis 1:1 Creation
- 1 Kings 18:16-40 Consumes Elijah's sacrifice
- Is 11:2 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Luke 1: Mary conceives by power of the Holy Spirit
- John 14: Promise to send the Spirit
- Acts 2: Spirit descends on disciples

Titles of the Holy Spirit

- Advocate
- Paraclete
- See Page 107 in USCCFA

Holy Spirit

- We are temples of the Holy Spirit
- Lives in us
- Teaches us to pray
- Prompts us to charity
- Heals wounds of sin
- Renews us in the Spiritual Life
- Enlightens and Strengthens us

Holy Spirit

- And much, much more!
- Study Chapter 9

I believe in **ONE,**
HOLY,
CATHOLIC,
and **APOSTOLIC**
Church

CHURCH IS ONE

- Oneness reflects the unity of the Trinity
- The Holy Spirit, the bond of love between the Father and the Son, unites all members as the one People of God
- One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism
- Forms one body under leadership of the successor of Peter the Apostle

UNITY vs DISUNITY

Examples of disunity:

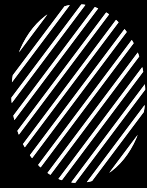
- 5th Century- Eastern Churches
- 11th Century – Constantinople
- 16th Century – Luther / Protestant Reformation

The Church is committed to work for “unity in truth” through the ecumenical movement.

THE CHURCH IS HOLY

- **Origin in the Holy Trinity**
- **Jesus established community of disciples**
- **Holy Spirit works within the Church to keep members faithful to the Gospel.**

THE
CHURCH
IS
CATHOLIC

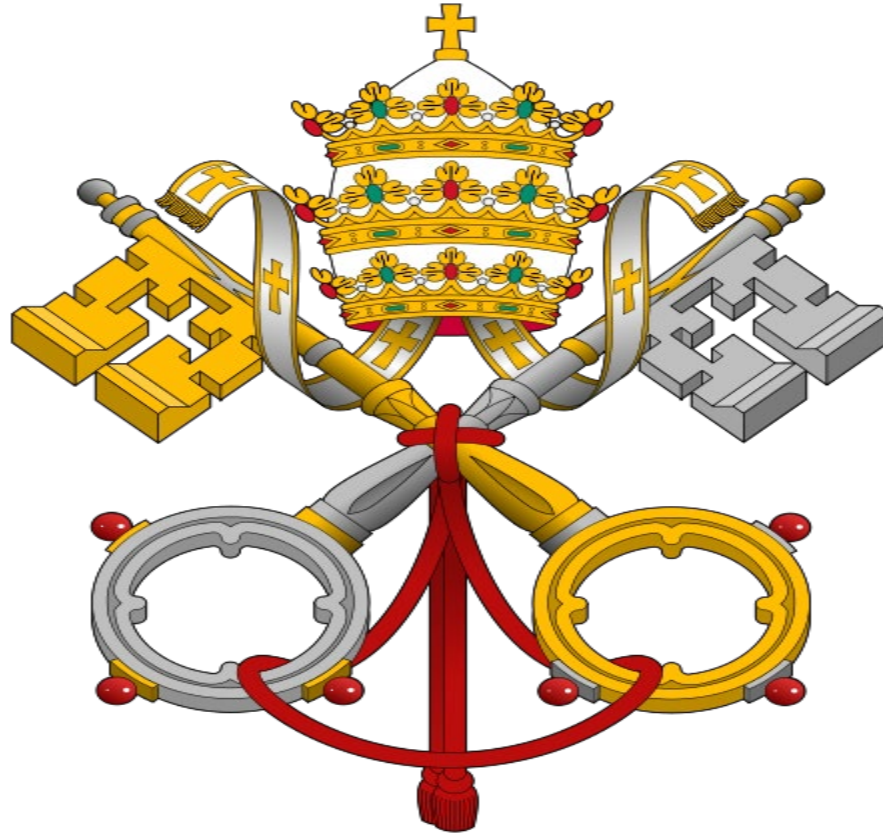


- Universal
- Diversity of cultures and languages
- Universal extension and presence in local communities

THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC



HIERARCHY of the CHURCH



The Pope: By virtue of his primacy, Supreme Head of the Church; Bishop of Rome; many other titles.

Cardinals: Bishop who advises the Pope in the more important matters of the universal Church. Preside over various congregations, tribunals and offices instituted by the Pope. College of Cardinals elects the Pope.



Bishop: Bishops administer a diocese entrusted to him. He is responsible for compassionate and loving governance of the people. He is the chief teacher of his diocese, responsible for authentic proclamation of the Gospel.

Archbishop: A Bishop of the highest rank who has ecclesiastical jurisdiction over a Province or larger Diocese.

Bishop John Iffert is the Bishop of the Covington Diocese.

**Diocesan
Priests:**

All priests, share and exercise with the bishop the one priesthood of Christ. Primary role; teaching, sanctifying and governing. Pastors also carry the added temporal responsibilities needed to provide for their parish.

Deacons:

A third degree of the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Ordained for ministry and service. Dedicated to the Word, the altar and charity.

Religious

Men and women who have chosen to live, as closely as possible, a life of poverty, chastity and obedience, in imitation of Christ.

i.e. Monasteries, Convents, Religious Orders, etc.

Priests

Brothers

Sisters

Nuns

THE LAITY

