# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## **Overview**

In Chapter 10 the students learned about the meaning of the Eucharist. In this chapter they will learn that the celebration of the Eucharist unites believers in the Body of Christ.

For Adult Reading and Reflection  Doctrinal Content  Catechism of the Catholic Church	
The students will learn:	Paragraph
The Introductory Rites bring us	<b>3</b> '
together as a community	1348
During the Liturgy of the Word,	
we listen and respond to the Word of God	1349, 1352
During the Liturgy of the Eucharist,	
we pray the great prayer of thanksgiving	
and receive the Body and Blood of Christ	1355
The Concluding Rites send us out	
to be the Body of Christ to others.	1396



Introductory Rites
Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of the
Eucharist
Consecration
Concluding Rites

# Catechist Background

Why do you go to Mass?

The celebration of the Eucharist is "the fount and apex of the whole Christian life" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 11). It is from the celebration of the Eucharist that we derive our purpose as "God's people gathered at worship" to give praise and thanks to God.

The Mass is like a beautiful symphony in four movements. The opening rites gather us in unity. We are one people. In the next part, we move to listen and respond to our story of salvation. The readings are proclaimed, not just read. When the homilist "breaks open the Word" (interprets its message) we apply the message to our life situation.

Go to **www.webelieveweb.com**, Catechist/ Teacher, *We Believe* Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

The focus of our worship shifts to the Eucharistic Prayer which includes the Consecration of the bread and wine. They become our Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation. We affirm our faith in Christ's presence by expressing a resounding *Amen*.

The final moment in our celebration is really a new beginning. We are blessed and sent to do what Christ did to serve others in his Father's Kingdom.

How does the Eucharist nourish you to serve others?

# Lesson Planning Guide

**Lesson Steps** 

### Presentation

Materials



## WE GATHER

🦊 Prayer



- Listen to Scripture. Respond in song.
  - Discuss gathering as one community.
- For the prayer space: Bible, a glass or goblet of grape juice, loaf of bread
- "We Belong to God's Family," Owen Alstott, #11, Grade 5 CD

• Lectionary and/or the *Book of* 

Gospels, if possible

## WE BELIEVE **page 100** The Introductory Rites bring us together as a community. The Roman Missal

- Read and summarize the paragraphs on the Introductory Rites and liturgical
- Make drawings for liturgy participation.

#### **page 101** During the Liturgy of the Word, we listen and respond to the Word of God.

The Roman Missal

- Read and review the Liturgy of the Word.
- ) Identify ways to listen better to God's Word.
  - Read and discuss As Catholics.

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During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we pray the great the Body and Blood of Christ.

prayer of thanksgiving and receive The Roman Missal

- Read and discuss the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
  - 🏋 Share ideas about giving thanks and praise to God.

pages 102-103 The Concluding Rites sends us out to be the Body of Christ to others. The Roman Missal

- Read and discuss the Concluding Rites.
- copies of Reproducible Master 11, guide page 99C

# WE RESPOND

### page 103

Complete the list of ways to live as the People of God and act one out.

### pages 104-105 **Project Disciple**

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the Take Home activity. • Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith** with My Family reproducible master
- copies of Sharing Faith with My Family reproducible master, Chapter 11 (back of book)

#### **page 106 Chapter 11 Test**

• Complete Chapter 11 Test.

for this chapter.

- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.
- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, What's the Word?, Chapter 11 (back of book)