

# CATHOLICISM 101

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT / PRAYERS / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## ASSIGNMENT 10

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### -WATCH-

"Echo" Episode 10

### -REFLECT / PRAY-

Many people say yes to Jesus, but no to the Church. As Catholics we can never separate the two. Why not?

### -READ-

USCCA Chapter 10

### -DISCUSS-

When do you most feel a part of the Church? What would help you feel like you belong?

Do you ever feel like the Pope or even your pastor belong to the Church more than you do? Why?

How is the Church like a team or a body? Why are these images significant?

If Jesus founded only one Church, why do you think there are so many different groups of Christians with different beliefs, kinds of worship, and leadership?

What do you think about the church as holy, but full of sinful members? What are some common misconceptions about the Catholic Church? How do you address them?

How has the Church helped you grow in holiness?

How does your parish serve the needs of its people? Of the community? How can you help serve?

Some will say that they are spiritual and not religious, that they can love Jesus, but hate the Church. How does this view contradict the mission and actions of Jesus himself?

How do the People of God share in the mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King? How does this mission shape the way we live our daily lives as Christians?

Reflect on the following passage from Vatican II:

"Now the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth. Thus every layman, in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon him, is at the same time a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the Church itself 'according to the measure of Christ's bestowal.'"

—Lumen Gentium 33

How can we be the "salt of the earth" and living witnesses to our modern culture? Into whose lives can we bring the good news of the Gospel?

### -PRAY-

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### -QUESTIONS?-

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