

<b>The Church Theme Overview</b>				
<b>How does Christ's mission continue today?</b>				
<b>Session Title</b>	<b>The Point</b>	<b>Learning Goals</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>CCC</b>
Diving Origin and Mission	The Church is the assembly of people called to be the Body of Christ—a visible, structured human organization that is also a spiritual community continuing Christ's work in the world.	Youth will explore the visible and spiritual nature of the Church as a community called together by God. They will consider ways that both aspects of the Church make it possible for her to live out her mission.	Mark 3:13-19; Luke 10:1-2, 22:30; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8	751-752, 763-768, 771, 777, 779, 780
The Holy Spirit and the Early Church	The Holy Spirit was sent upon the Church to launch her mission in the world and to strengthen and guide the communal life of the Church. We learn from the early Church what it means to be Spirit-filled community.	Youth will learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the early Church as described in the Acts of the Apostles. They will discuss ways their family and parish communities model the communal life of the early Church.	Acts 2:1-47, 4:32-35	731-732, 737-741, 767-768
Images of the Church	The symbols and images of the Church help us understand who we are and how we are to function as a community of faith.	Youth will discover the meaning and implications of various images of the Church. They will learn how these images can help them relate to the community of faith.	1 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 12:12-31; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:25-29; 2 Corinthians 2:16-18	753, 763, 781-798, 805-809
One and Holy	We proclaim our belief that the Church is one and holy.	Adolescents will come to a deeper understanding of what it means when we say that the Church is one and holy. They will reflect on ways that they feel united to the Church community and how their path toward holiness occurs within community.	1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 12:12-13; Ephesians 2:21-22, 5:25-26	811, 814-815, 823-827, 866-867
Catholic and Apostolic	We profess that the Church is catholic and apostolic.	Youth will come to a deeper appreciation of the Church as catholic and apostolic and will identify how they can personally participate in the Church's universal mission and apostolic life.	Mathew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:19-20	830-831, 849-850, 857-858, 861-862, 863, 868-869
Many Roles, One Mission of Service	By cooperating with one another and by building community, members of the laity, clergy, and religious life, each in their unique ways, serve the Church and the world.	Adolescents will gain an appreciation for the different roles of service that the laity, clergy, and religious have in the Church. They will explore the various ways they currently respond to Christ's call to serve others and how he might be calling them to do so in the future.	Matthew 20:28; John 13:2-5, 12-16; 1 Corinthians 12:1-12	871-873, 897-898, 904-905, 914-916, 925-927, 935-939