

Lesson 2

Together in the Spirit: Companions on the Journey of Faith

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **What does it mean to belong to a particular group?**

Answer: A Group has a purpose (**AIM**), reason for being becoming a member (**MEMBERSHIP**) and a mission (**GROUP LEADERSHIP**).

2. **Who can become Church member?**

Answer: Anyone who wants to live as a Catholic and learn & live the faith that Catholics profess and practice.

3. **How is a new member welcomed into the Church?**

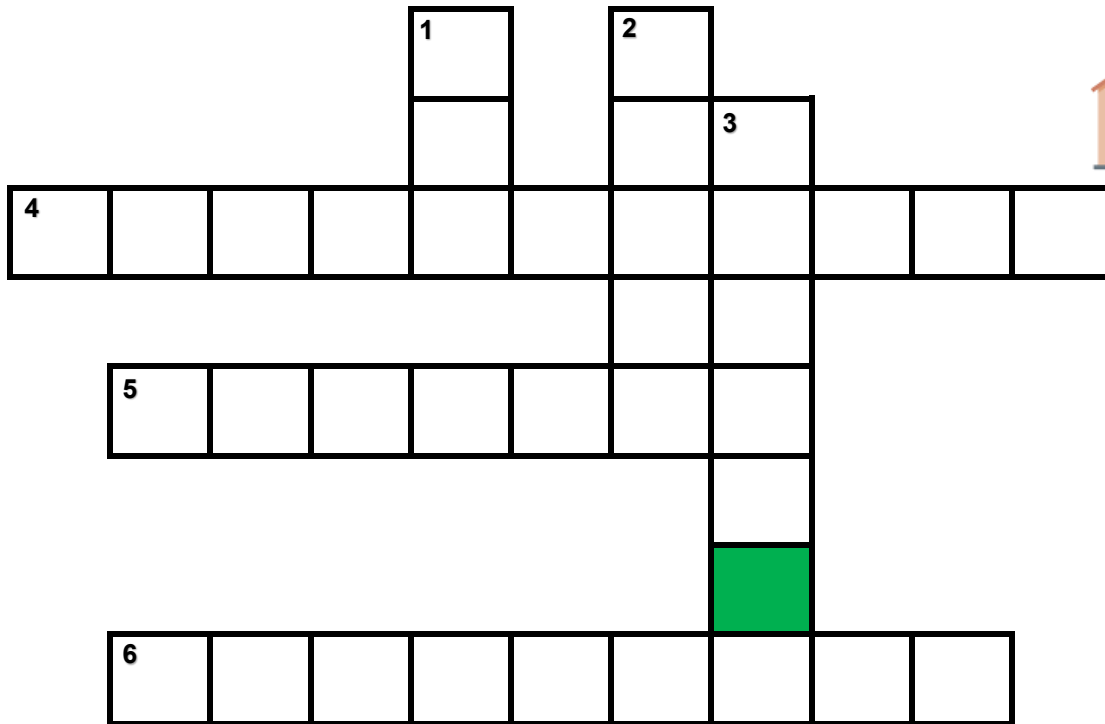
Answer: Each and every person who wants to belong to the Catholic group is welcomed into the church through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

4. **How is church leadership conferred? What is their mission?**

Answer: Leadership in the church is conferred by the Sacraments of Holy Orders – deacons, priests, bishops – their ministry is to gather, to lead and to organize the church so that it can carry out its work.

However, every baptized person is called to carry out the mission of the church. Leaders need strong and faithful followers and followers need strong and faithful leaders.

ACTIVITY: What are some of the images that the Catholic Church is compared to?



WORDBANK:	Community	Gas	Haven	Loudspeaker	Vehicle	Wheel
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DOWN

- 1: A ____ station that provides a resting place and the fuel people need to keep going. (3 Letters)
- 2: A potter's _____ that shapes people's lives just as it shapes clay. (5 Letters)
- 3: A ____ or harbor that provides a safe place for people to be secure and unafraid. (5 Letters)

ACROSS

- 4: A _____ that keeps announcing the good news about God and life. (11 Letters)
- 5: A _____ that carries people through life's journey. (7 Letters)
- 6: A _____ of wise, faith-filled people who believe the truth about God and who can share that truth with others. (9 Letters)



“The shaping process is hard and long. Trials come to shape us. Our faith is stretched and tested. But in all the stretching, pulling and shaping his one design is to make us into a vessel he can use for His glory.”