

## LESSON 28 - GOD'S FAMILY: THE CHURCH

### 1. **What is the Church?**

The Church is the family of all baptized people.

### 2. **Who founded the Church?**

Jesus Christ is the founder of the Church

### 3. **Who is the Pope?**

The Pope is the head of the Church, who takes the place of Jesus on earth. Our present pope is Pope Francis.

### 4. **What does "catholic" mean?**

The word "catholic" means "universal," in the sense of "according to the totality" or "in keeping with the whole."

### 5. **When do we become the members of the church?**

We become members of the church when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

### 6. **Why is a Christian family called a domestic church?**

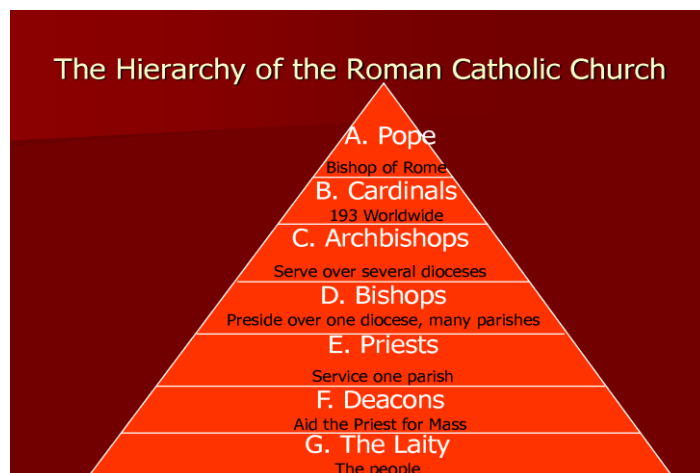
The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.

### 7. **How can we maintain family as domestic church?**

We maintain by respecting one another, by saying the rosary, family prayer, quality time together and attending mass as a family, sharing love and care.

## WORDS TO KNOW

<b>Creed:</b>	This word means, "We believe".
<b>Apostles' Creed:</b>	Everything we believe is in this prayer.
<b>Apostolic:</b>	The One, Holy, Catholic family is also <b>Apostolic</b> , because it was through the Apostles that Jesus Christ went about creating His Mystical Body, the church.
<b>Bishops &amp; Archbishops:</b>	A bishop oversees a diocese, which is a collection of local parishes; and an <b>archbishop</b> administers an <b>archdiocese</b> , which is just a large diocese.



## **PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET (LK 14:16-24)**

**Q1. When the banquet was ready, what did the master tell his slave to say to his invited guests?**

At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.'

**Q2. How did those invited react?**

They made excuses and went their own way.

**Q3. What excuse did the first man give the servant?**

He had bought a piece of land and needed to go and see it.

**Q4. What excuse did the second man give?**

He had bought five yoke of oxen and wanted to try them.

**Q5. What excuse did the third man give?**

He had just got married and was not able to come.

**Q6. Then whom did the master invite to the Banquet?**

He sent his slave to invite all those on the streets and lanes and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. But still there was place for more.

**Q7. What did the master ask the slave to do in order to fill up his house?**

He asked his slave to compel people to come in so that his house may be filled.

**Q8. What is the meaning of the parable of the Great Banquet?**

Jesus compared heaven to the banquet that the master of the house had prepared. Many people had been invited, but when the time came and the table was set, those invited refused to come. The banquet represents the free gift of salvation, made available to all. The invitation to the banquet is for all people on earth. But many make excuses. People don't accept God's gift, because they focus more on earthly pleasures.