A People of Service

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 5 Study Guide

*Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 5**.*

Every baptized Catholic is called to share in the mission of Christ and his Church: to love and serve God's people, to spread the Kingdom of God, and to build up the Body of Christ. Unlike a cathedral, this body is not built of glass and stone but of people gathered together in Christ.

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Jesus has united us with himself at Baptism and strengthened us with supernatural gifts. Through the sacraments, he continues to bless, nourish, forgive, strengthen, and heal us. When we share our gifts in various forms of service, every person benefits. The Kingdom of God becomes more visible, and the Church becomes more faithful to the mission of Christ.

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A vocation is the call each of us has in life to be the person God wants us to be and the way we serve the Church and the Kingdom of God. Many vocations are available to us, including priest, deacon, and religious brother or sister.

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The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel. They are eight ways of living the Christian life. These teachings present the way to true happiness.

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The corporal works of mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material needs. We should treat all people as we would like to be treated.

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