A Church That Is Catholic

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 8 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 8****.*

In God's plan, everyone is included. No one is left out. Jesus showed that God loves all people and wants to save everyone from sin and death.

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The Church is *catholic*, meaning that it is "universal, worldwide, total, for all." Because the Church is catholic, those who are not Christian are related to us in other ways. The Church strives to communicate effectively with every culture and nation in the world. Through *interreligious dialogue*, we seek understanding among people of different religions.

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When parishioners gather for the Sunday eucharistic liturgy and then promote the well-being of all people, the sign of being catholic becomes visible.

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In 1054, cultural and political differences led to a split between the Eastern and Western Churches. The Eastern Churches are referred to as *Orthodox*. As of today, 21 Eastern Catholic Churches have rejoined the Roman Church. The five major Eastern Catholic Churches are the Chaldean, Syrian, Coptic, Armenian, and Byzantine.

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In the Byzantine Church, the Eucharist is given under the forms of tiny bread cubes mixed with wine that people receive on a spoon.

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Communion with the pope, the fullness of the Gospel, and the Mass and sacraments are elements shared among the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches.

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Pope Saint John Paul II called for a "new evangelization" directed toward people who have heard the Good News but are indifferent to it.

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Founded in 1843, the Holy Childhood Association is an international organization of children in Catholic elementary schools. Its mission is to help less-fortunate children.

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