

**CHURCH  
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY  
GRADE 3**

**GENERAL**

The students will:

- know that they can become truly holy in the Church.
- know and define the marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic.
- know that the Church is a community of the faithful.
- know that Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the Catholic Church in the United States.
- realize that, as Christians, Catholics have a special bond of unity with the Jewish people.

**STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH**

The students will:

- know the names and the role of the pastor/pastoral leader and other ministers of their parish church: deacon, liturgist, catechetical leader, and other lay ministers.
- know that the Pope is the head of the Catholic Church.
- be aware that the bishops have authority over various geographic areas called dioceses.
- know they belong to the Diocese of Toledo and know the name(s) of our current bishop(s).

**THE CHURCH IN APOSTOLIC TIMES**

The students will:

- know the names of the twelve Apostles called by Jesus.
- know that St. Peter was chosen by Jesus to lead the Apostles (First Pope).
- be able to identify St. Paul as the Apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jews).

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**ECUMENISM**

The student will:

- know that through baptism followers of Jesus are called Christians.
- know that all Christians study the Bible and use it in prayer and worship.
- show respect for non-Christian traditions; e.g. Hinduism, Islam, Judaism.

**MISSIONARY CHURCH**

The students will:

- understand that the Church in America is a missionary church and that we are to reach out to share the Good News.