

**CHURCH
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 5**

GENERAL

The students will:

- know that they live the Gospel and become holy in the Church.
- know that the Church is a sign of Christ's presence among us.
- describe how some parts of the celebration of the Eucharist grew from Jewish rituals.

STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

The students will:

- be aware that the bishops and archbishops have authority over various geographic areas called dioceses and archdioceses.
- realize that their commitment to Christ as expressed through the Catholic Church calls them to certain responsibilities, some of which are called Laws/Precepts of the Church.

THE CHURCH IN APOSTOLIC TIMES

The students will:

- understand that the early Christian communities were the beginnings of the Christian Church.
- compare and contrast initiation into the early Church with initiation into the Church today.
- describe St. Paul's role in the early Church.
- define the term "martyr" and know some of the early martyrs and their stories.

ECUMENISM

The student will:

- show some ways that Christians study the Bible and use it in prayer and worship; e.g., Bible study groups.
- explain some aspects of other Christian traditions.
- define ecumenism and identify ways to practice ecumenism.

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MISSIONARY CHURCH

The students will:

- understand that, like the early Apostles, we are sent to help people believe in Jesus.
- be familiar with the efforts of the Diocese of Toledo in mission lands, especially in Zimbabwe.