

Chapter 1 Study Guide

A Community of Disciples

INTRODUCTION

The People of God, the Chosen People, were a national group, a community called by the Lord. Today the Church is the new People of God, called by the Father, justified by the Son, and sanctified by the Spirit. With a variety of races, cultures, and languages, we are united in the Church. We are a worshiping community that believes in the same Word, participates in the same sacraments, and serves the same Lord.

KEY TERMS TO KNOW

Church

Mystery (of faith)

Communion of Saints

Pilgrim

Pilgrim people

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What does the word *church* mean?

Who is the founder of the Church?

Who is the sanctifier of the Church?

Who is the head of the Church?

Who is the Mother of the Church?

Who is the perfect follower of Christ?

IMAGES OF THE CHURCH: ESSAY QUESTION

The Sheepfold	The Vine and the Branches	The Leaven
John 10:1-16	John 15: 1-8	Luke 13:20-21
Briefly summarize this Bible passage?	Briefly summarize this Bible passage.	Briefly summarize this Bible passage.
What does this passage tell us about the Church?	What does this passage tell us about the Church?	What does this passage tell us about the Church?

MARIAN FEASTS

There are three sets of Marian feasts.

First Set: celebrates the part Mary played in salvation history.

- The Solemnity of the Mother of God

Second Set: Deals with events from Mary's life

- The Immaculate Conception
- The Nativity
- The Presentation of Mary
- The Annunciation of the Lord,
- The Visitation
- The Assumption

Third Set: reflects how Christian values love and honor Mary and how she intercedes for us.

- The names of these feasts begin with “Our Lady of...”