


# Basic Detail Report



## THE CHURCH

The Church is

- **One** because it is *one body with one head*, Jesus Christ. The Church cannot be divided or separated because Christ cannot be divided or separated;
- **Holy** because the Holy Spirit dwells in God's People inasmuch as they respond to His call to salvation and the gift of eternal life;
- **Catholic** because it is *whole, complete, lacking in nothing, and universal*; and
- **Apostolic** because it continues in the apostles' teaching and experience. The Church carries on the *same mission and ministry* as Christ and the apostles, namely to bring the *Good News of salvation* in Jesus Christ to all.

## WORSHIP

**PRIVATE PRAYER**  
is essential for spiritual growth. It is inseparably linked to the Church's

**LITURGICAL WORSHIP.**  
The public proclamation of God as Lord is the *common action*, or liturgy, of God's People.

**THE DIVINE LITURGY**  
is the most important worship experience. During the Divine Liturgy, we *proclaim* God's Word as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and we *respond* in thanksgiving through the reception of *Holy Communion*, the Body and Blood of Christ.

**THE SACRAMENTS**  
enable Christ God to enter into our personal lives as we

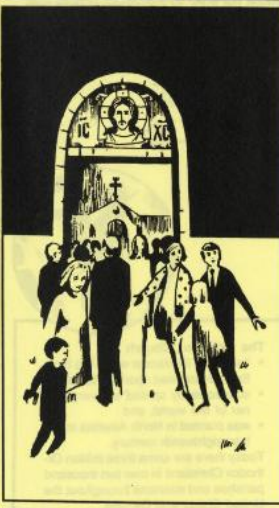
- **become members** of His Church through *Baptism* and *Chrismation*;
- **proclaim**, through *Holy Communion*, His death and resurrection while *awaiting* His Second Coming at the end of time;
- **are forgiven by** and **reconciled with** Him and those around us through *Penance*;
- **share** His love through *Marriage*;
- **dedicate** our lives and our work to Him through *Ordination*; and
- **receive** His healing grace through *Holy Unction*.

**THE LITURGICAL YEAR**  
includes the annual cycle of *feasts and fasts*, as well as various other rites and services for specific occasions and needs.

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