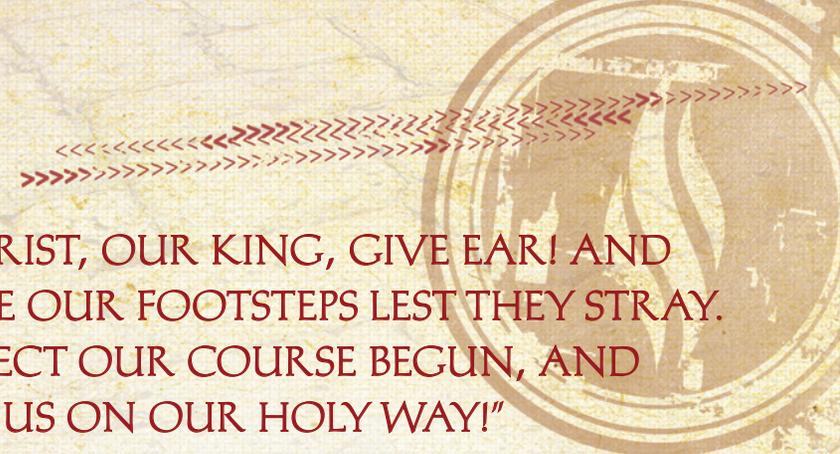


CATHOLICISM

IT'S YOUR STORY.



“O CHRIST, OUR KING, GIVE EAR! AND
GUIDE OUR FOOTSTEPS LEST THEY STRAY.
PROTECT OUR COURSE BEGUN, AND
LEAD US ON OUR HOLY WAY!”

— PILGRIMS’ SONG, 11TH CENTURY.

A pilgrim is a person who is on a journey, but not just any journey. Pilgrims are traveling to a sacred place, a place in time and space where they hope to encounter a slice of the eternal and the infinite: eternal beauty and truth, infinite love.

The pilgrimage is prompted forward to that hopeful place by hints deep within. Hints of the “more,” of perfected and complete truth, beauty and love that are part of who we are because we have been created by and for the One who is Beauty, Truth and Love.

So from the moment we are conceived, we are pilgrims, even if we never leave our birthplace. The places that our yearnings and desires take us, from room to room in our homes, into the lives of friends we love, to workplaces and classrooms, jogging paths and football fields, are all, when you think about it, tiny points of pilgrimage.

It’s not just us as individuals, either. The whole world is on a pilgrimage, since all of creation was brought into being by God, and finds its true, deepest self in God.

Our way on this pilgrimage is everything: it is exciting and exhausting. It is awe-inspiring and awful. We race in the light, and we trudge in darkness.

The point of the Christian pilgrimage is that we are not alone. Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God and Lord of all, walks with us. Conceived in a mother’s womb like us, suffering like us, and even dying like us, he walks in our midst.

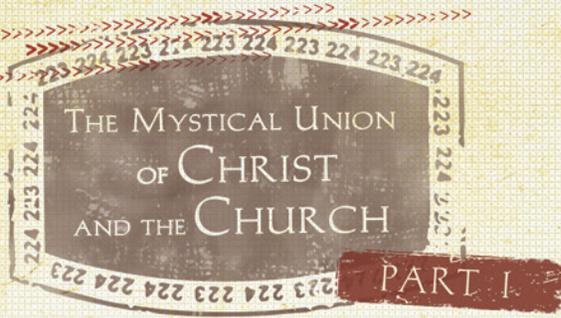
CATHOLICISM is the story of that pilgrimage.

If you’re ready, let’s go.

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EPISODE 6, PART I

"I am the Vine; you are the branches." - John 15:5

"I believe in the . . . Church." We proclaim that in the creed. In this episode, Father Barron explains why we use that language to talk about the Church, and why the Church is something in which we "believe" and not just something we join. He explains what the Church is and how the Church is related to Christ. In the first part of the episode, Fr. Barron explains the first mark of the Church: "the Church is one." He will explain the other three marks of the Church in the second part of the episode.

Take a look at the questions below before watching the DVD, and then do your best to answer them in the following pages. For further understanding of what is happening in the episode, please refer to the Bible Passages at the end of the lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. How is the Church related to Jesus? How is it different from other human organizations?
2. What is the basic job of the Church? Why is it here? What is the Church for?

3. God is one. What does that say about what the Church is and must be?

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. What do you see happening in your parish that reminds you of what Father Barron says the Church is for?
2. What do you see happening in the Church around the world that reminds you of what Father Barron says the Church is for?



3. If you have been to Catholic churches in other places besides your own parish, think about what that was like and describe it. When you think about it, what in those experiences reminds you that the Church is “one”?

EPISODE 6, PART I — BIBLE PASSAGES

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

John 15:1-15

EPISODE 6, PART I — TERMS TO KNOW

Ekklesia: The Greek word for “Church,” meaning “to call out.”

Marks of the Church: The four characteristics of the Church, named in the Creed.



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STOPS ALONG OUR JOURNEY

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| 1 JERUSALEM | 8 CORINTH | 15 PARIS | 23 THE PHILIPPINES |
| 2 BETHLEHEM | 9 PHILIPPI | 16 COLOGNE | 24 MEXICO CITY |
| 3 NAZARETH | 10 ROME | 17 POLAND | 25 NEW YORK CITY |
| 4 SEA OF GALILEE | 11 ORVIETO | 18 TOLEDO, SPAIN | 26 PHILADELPHIA |
| 5 JORDAN RIVER | 12 FLORENCE | 19 SEVILLE, SPAIN | 27 GETHSEMANE, KENTUCKY |
| 6 MOUNT SINAI | 13 LOURDES | 20 AVILA, SPAIN | 28 SERBIA |
| 7 EPHESUS | 14 LISIEUX | 21 LOUGH DERG, IRELAND | 29 CALCUTTA, INDIA |
| | | 22 UGANDA | |