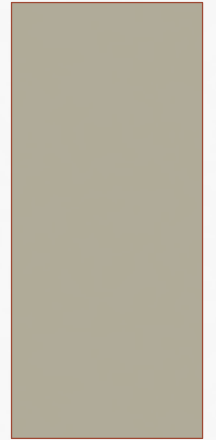




**TAKE ME TO YOUR
LEADER**



THE HUMAN KNOT



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- When you began the activity, did someone suggest a way to proceed?
- As the activity progressed, did others also offer advice?
- How did you determine whose advice would be followed?
- Did anyone emerge as a leader of the group?
- What would have made the activity easier to do?



CHECK IN

- My name is _____
- I belong or belonged to [name the group]



ORG PROJECT

- Write the purpose of your assigned organization simply in one sentence. [You are looking for something simple, like a school is to teach or pass on knowledge]
- List the major leadership positions of your assigned group and how each position promotes or enhances the organization's purpose.
- Create some kind of a chart showing how the leadership positions interact with each other.



A Brief
CHURCH
HISTORY



Crucifixion of Christ
The Crucifixion of Christ, from the Book of Hours of the Duke of Berry, ca. 1400-1410. The central miniature is the Crucifixion of Christ, and the surrounding miniatures are scenes from the Passion of Christ.

The Great Commission

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

NEED FOR MORE LEADERS BISHOPS

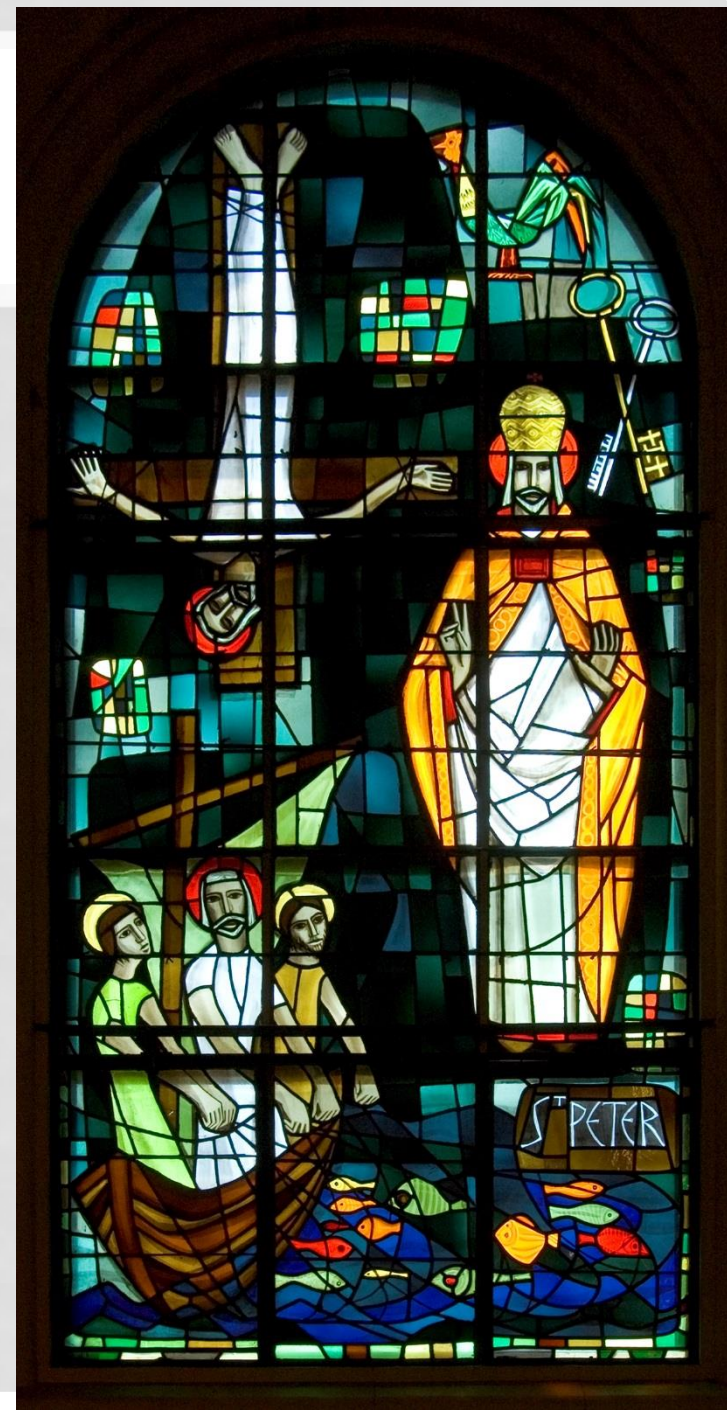


Direct
successors of
the original
Apostles

(Apostolic
Succession)

BISHOP OF ROME

The Bishop of Rome is the successor of Peter, the head Apostle, and so has “primacy” over the other bishops.



PRIESTS

Represent the Bishop

- Teach the faith
- Celebrate the sacraments
- Provide spiritual leadership



QUESTIONS?



- Talk with your table groups
 - Was this a good method of leadership?
 - If anything what should change to be more effective?

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT'S TRUE?



METAPHOR: LIKE A TRICYCLE



TWO SOURCES OF KNOWING



APOSTOLIC TRADITION



We believe, through the Holy Spirit, the apostles:

- Understood and remembered what Jesus did and taught
- Handed on everything they knew to future generations

TRADITION

The teaching of the Church, its ongoing life and its worship as they have been handed on from the time of the Apostles to our own day – all these make up the Tradition of the Church.



From the Fathers of the Catholic Church

SACRED SCRIPTURE

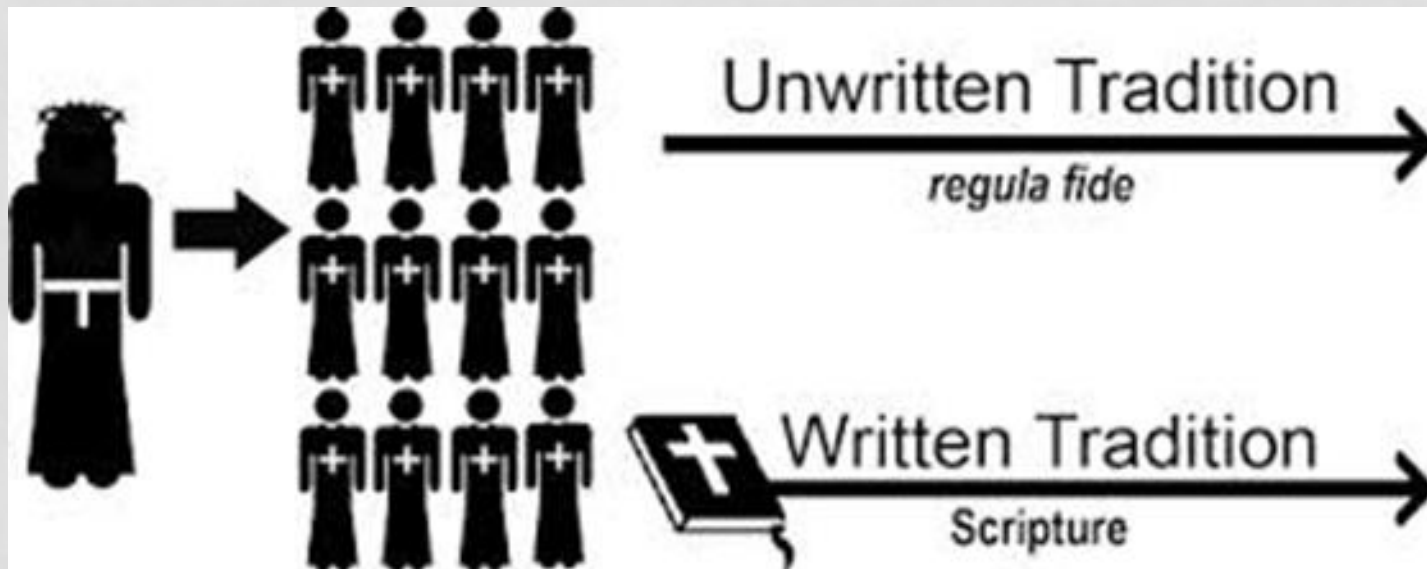


As the years passed, the Holy Spirit inspired people in the early Church to create written documents explaining what the Apostles had handed down about Jesus.

The New Testament is really a written portion of the Apostolic Tradition

DEPOSIT OF FAITH

- Scripture and Tradition = Deposit of Faith
- Authentic and complete source for our knowledge about God and God's will



HOLY SPIRIT



- *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth”* (John 16:13)
- The Lord is the true source of all ministry in the Church. He founded the Church, gave it authority, mission, orientation, and goal.

QUESTIONS?



- Talk with your table groups
 - What is more important to you Tradition or scriptures?

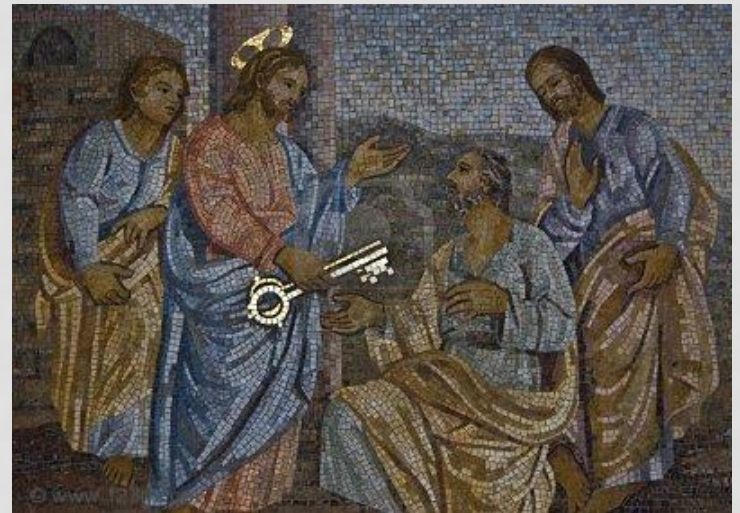
EXPLAINING THE MAGISTERIUM



FROM JESUS HIMSELF

“Simon, son of Jonah, you are a blessed man! Because it was no human agency that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you; You are Peter and on this rock I will build my community. And the gates of the underworld can never overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be found in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

(Matthew 16:17-19)



PURPOSE OF MAGISTERIUM



To be the living teaching office of the Church

To faithfully teach, interpret, and preserve the Scriptures and Tradition for all

PRIMACY OF PETER = PRIMACY OF THE POPE

- Simon Peter was the leader of the Apostles.
- Jesus appointed Peter as the leader of the Apostles and of his church.



***“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 16:18-19)***

THE POPE IS...



- **The bishop of Rome**
(place where Peter ministered and was martyred)
- **Successor of St. Peter**
- **First among equals**
(bishops)
- **Visible head of the Catholic Church and sign of unity when bishops speak**

OUR POPE



A BISHOP IS...

- The ordinary of a diocese
- A successor of the apostles
- In communion with other bishops and with the pope have the task of teaching truthfully the word of God



OUR BISHOP



WHO ARE ARCHBISHOPS AND CARDINALS?



- **ARCHBISHOP** — Bishop of a principal diocese within a province (his jurisdiction is still only his own diocese)
- **CARDINAL** — An archbishop of higher rank (with no increase in jurisdiction) who can vote in papal elections until the age of 80). Sometimes called a “prince” of the church.
- **AUXILIARY BISHOP** — aids a bishop, but is without personal jurisdiction over a diocese

A PRIEST IS...

- **Co-worker of the bishop; sharing/assisting the bishop's pastoring of a diocese**
- **Ordained priests exercise their service by**
 - **Teaching**
 - **Divine worship**
 - **Pastoral governance**



OUR PASTOR, A PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR



WHO ABOUT DEACONS AND RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN?

All assist the bishop in making disciples

Some work in the world

Some do the work of their order (religious community)

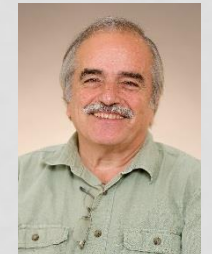


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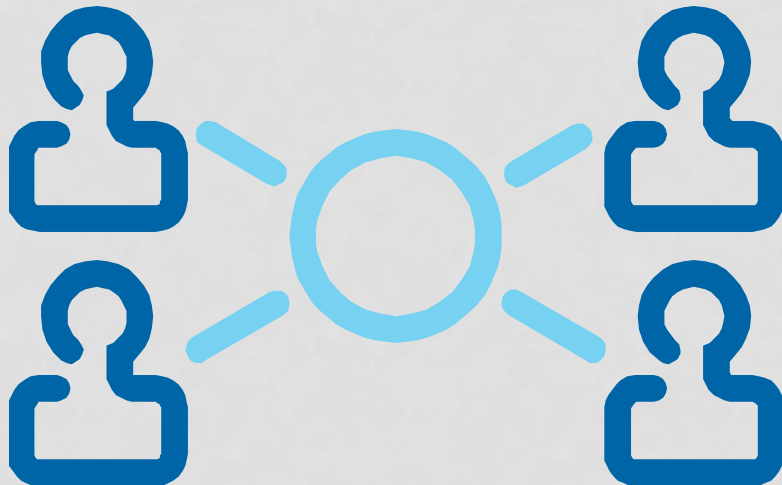
- Any baptized Catholic who has not received Holy Orders
- Involved in the social, political, and economic affairs of the world as a witness of Christ

OUR PARISH STAFF

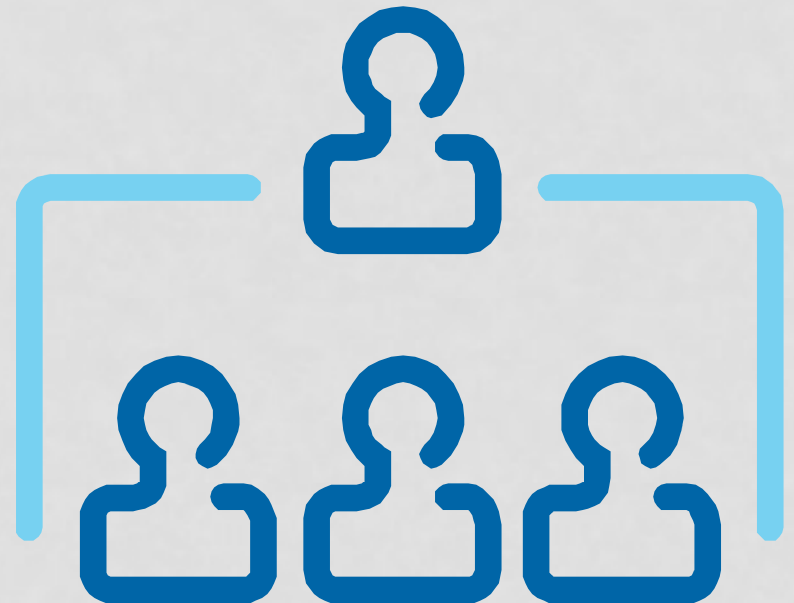


MAGISTERIUM OR HIERARCHY?

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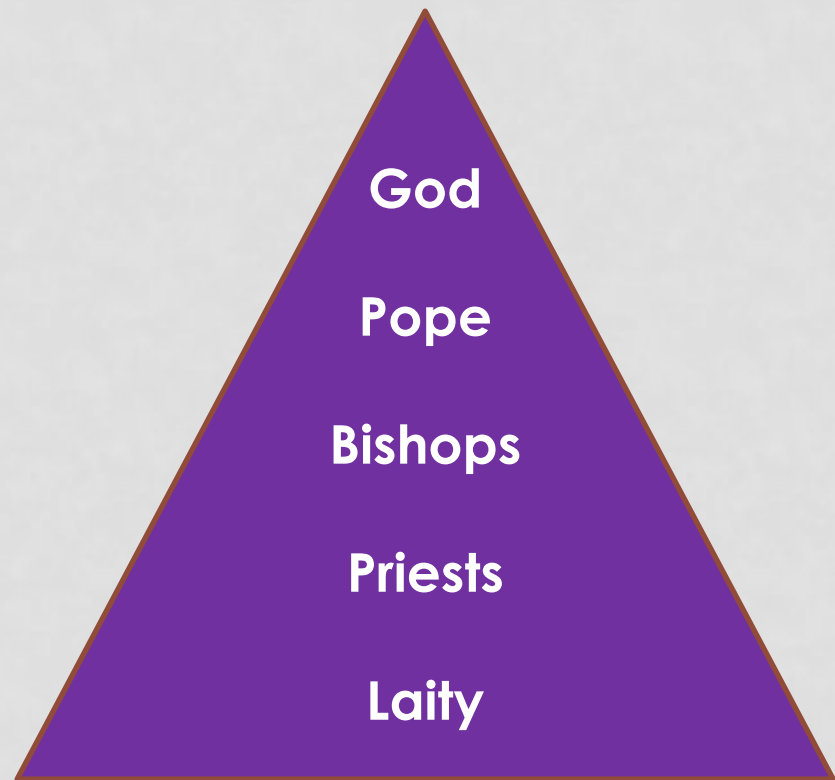


Hierarchy:

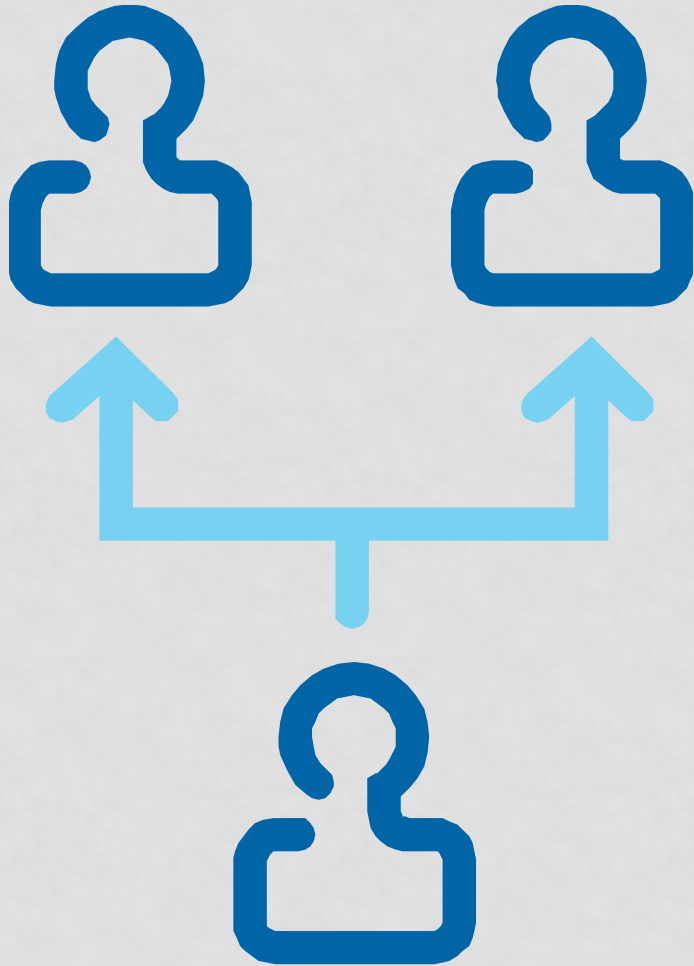


BENEFITS OF HIERARCHY

- The preservation of authentic Tradition
- Insurance that the true Gospel will be spread



SERVANT LEADERSHIP



- Jesus' example of humility and servant leadership
- Hierarchy really an "upside down" pyramid of servant leaders
- Pope is the "servant of the servants"

HOT COLD GAME

- I need two volunteers...

WHO YA GONNA CALL?



IN MATTERS OF FAITH AND MORALS



INFALLIBILITY IS...

- The belief that a certain doctrine (teaching) is free from error
- Grounded in Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to remain with the Church for all time.
- When the Pope and bishops, guided by the Holy Spirit, agree on matters of faith and morals



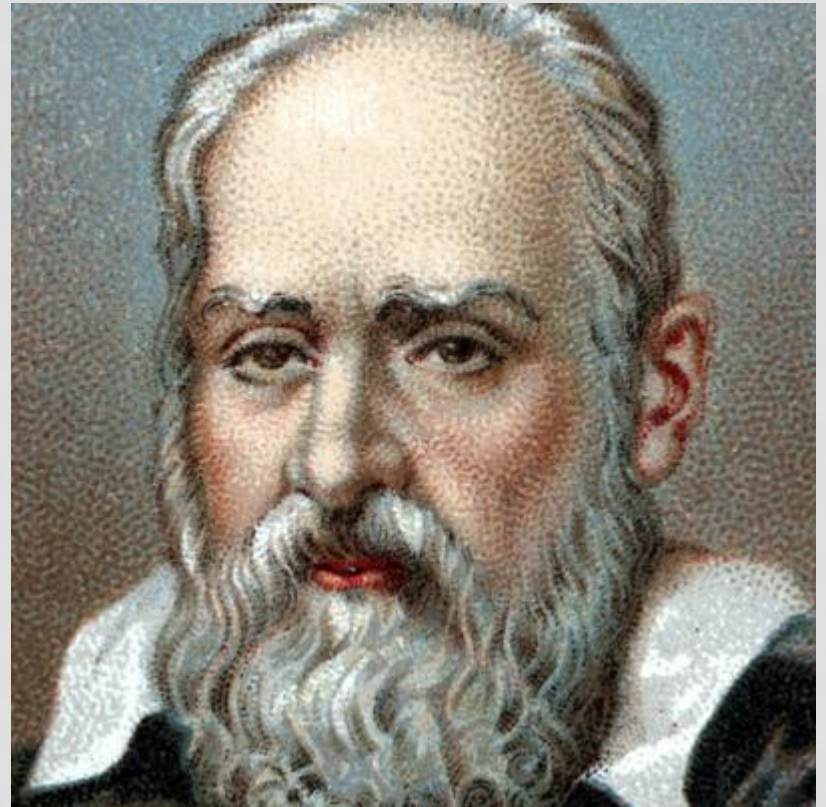
INFALLIBILITY IS NOT...

- Every opinion or statement of every pope or every bishop
- In areas outside of religious doctrine
- A claim that the pope or bishops cannot make mistakes or sin



LIMITS OF INFALLIBILITY

The Church is only infallible in the area of religious doctrine; not other areas of knowledge, such as scientific truth



THREE FORMS OF INFALLIBILITY



- When Pope speaks “ex cathedra”
- When bishops share a single viewpoint in union with Pope
- When the Church has always and everywhere believed and taught certain things

PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

- Speaks infallibly when he teaches “ex cathedra,” that is, “from the chair of Peter.”
- Conditions for Pope to proclaim an infallible doctrine:
 - Teaches as pastor of all the faithful
 - Intends to use his full authority in an unchangeable decision
 - The subject is a doctrine pertaining to faith or morals



BISHOPS AND INFALLIBILITY

- Individual bishops do not have infallibility
- For bishops to proclaim an infallible doctrine:
 - Must be a matter of faith or morals
 - All must concur in a single viewpoint with the Pope



INFALLIBILITY OF THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE



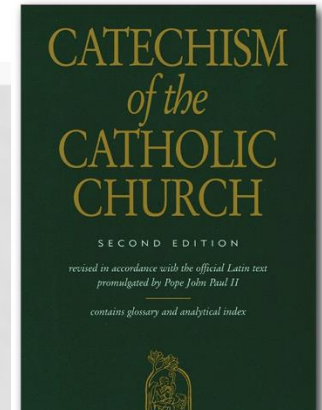
FAITH AND MORALS IN THE MODERN WORLD



- The Magisterium is always applying Christ's moral teaching to modern situations
- In recent times they have given moral direction on such issues as
 - Human rights
 - Genetic testing
 - Use of embryos in medical research
 - Abortion
 - The death penalty
 - Welfare laws

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- *Catholic newspapers and magazines*
- *Catholic web pages*
- *Church social media*
- *Council documents*
- *Papal encyclicals*
- *Pastoral letters*
- *Homilies*
- *Adult Formation sessions*
- *Ask a knowledgeable person*



MAGISTERIUM AND YOU



- We recognize the right of the pope, bishops, pastors, and priests to teach for the Lord Jesus.
- Our attitude to the teachings of our leaders is prayerful listening and obedience, that is, religious assent.

REGARDING OUR CHURCH WHAT DO
YOU WISH YOU KNEW MORE ABOUT?



FOR WHOM AND WHAT SHALL WE PRAY?

