



When I Look Into Your Holiness

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RCIA
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Church

So
 We Are The Church

But, what is
 "The Church"?

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 "The Church"?

Is it the Buildings?

The Hierarchy?

Or the People?



Brief History of the Church

- Early Church Communities
 - Acts 2:42-47

Why are we called the "Roman Catholic Church"?

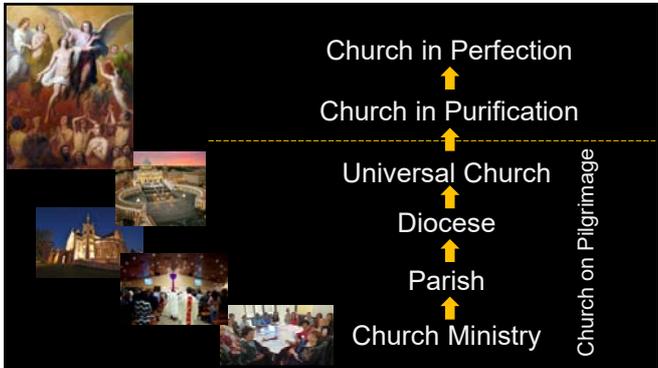
- The term "catholic church" was first used by Bishop Ignatius of Antioch in 110AD.
 - "Katholikos" (καθολικός), meaning "total" or "universal"
- 2nd - 4th century
 - Various breakaway groups such as Montanists, Arians, Donatists.
 - The church no longer the "total" church, and then called the "Catholic Church".

Rome

- Both Peter and Paul gave their last teaching in Rome.
- Both were martyred in Rome.
 - The church in Rome was carrying on the traditions of these 2 greatest Christian martyrs.
- Rome was the most important city in the world during the time of the Roman Empire.
- As early Christians look to Rome to provide leadership, the bishop of Rome was recognised as the focal point of unity.

Why are we called the "Roman Catholic Church"?

- 1054 A.D.
 - The eastern church separated to become the Orthodox Church.
 - The western church then became the "Roman Catholic Church" because of its recognition of the bishop of Rome as its focal point of unity.



4 Marks of the Church

- "I believe in *One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic* Church"
- One
 - Members share one faith, united under one head.
- Holy
 - Members adhere to a holy doctrine.
- Catholic
 - Universal, irrespective of race or status.
- Apostolic
 - Tracing back to the Apostles.

The Hierarchy



3-Tiered Church Leadership

- Practised from the Second Century
- 3 Tiers
 - Central Council (Jerusalem/Rome)
 - Bishop to head local church
 - Assisted by presbyters (priest) and deacons

Church Hierarchy

- Early Church: Apostles in Antioch headed by Peter, local churches led by selected elders, assisted by presbyters and deacons
- Today: Holy Sees in Rome headed by the Pope, local diocese led by bishop, local parishes led by priest and deacons
 - Parish
 - Diocese
 - National Conference of Bishops
 - Universal Church

Church Hierarchy

- Bishops are successors to the Apostles.
- The Pope is the successor to Peter.
- Unbroken chain of 266 Popes – from St Peter to Pope Francis
- Traversing time and organisation structure, Jesus' authority is passed from the Apostles to the parish priest.
- Other titles
 - Cardinal: An honorary title given to a distinguished bishop. Cardinals elect the Pope.
 - Monsignor: An honorary title given to a distinguished priest.

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Discussion

- Share your experience being a part of
 - The RCIA Ministry
 - The parish of St John & Paul
 - The universal Church


 A photograph showing a group of five people (three women and two men) sitting in a circle on chairs, engaged in a discussion or meeting. They are in a well-lit indoor setting.

Good Good Father

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Good Good Father

You're a good good Father
It's who you are
It's who you are
It's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Good Good Father

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Tour of the Church (The Building)

 A photograph of a modern church building at dusk. The building features a prominent steeple and is illuminated by warm interior and exterior lights, contrasting with the twilight sky.

Tour of the Church

- Entrance (Vestibule)
 - Holy water font reminds us of our baptism
 - Church notices



Tour of the Church

- The Main Hall (Nave)
 - Pews, confessionals, Stations of the Cross



Tour of the Church

- The Sacristy
 - Where the priests, deacons, and altar servers prepare for Holy Mass



Tour of the Church

- Sanctuary
 - Means "a holy place"
 - Most sacred place of the Church
 - Main Altar, (usually) Tabernacle



Tour of the Church

- Crucifix



Tour of the Church

- Sacramentary
 - Contains all the Mass prayers



Tour of the Church

- Paschal Candle
 - The light of Christ
 - A symbol of Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday



Tour of the Church

- Tabernacle
 - Contains Blessed Sacrament left over from Mass
 - Held in a Ciborium
 - Sanctuary lamp



Tour of the Church

- Boat
- Thurible



Tour of the Church

- Processional Cross
 - Leads the Liturgical Procession



Tour of the Church

- Lectern
 - Where the Lector proclaims and reads the readings



Tour of the Church

- Lectionary
 - The book containing the readings



Tour of the Church

- Baptismal Font
 - Where the Sacrament of Baptism is administered



Tour of the Church

- Blessed Mother Chapel
 - Votive Candles
 - Kneeler (Prie Dieu)



Tour of the Church

- Stations of the Cross
 - Tells the story of how Jesus suffered and died



Tour of the Church

- Monstrance and the Blessed Sacrament

