

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (3-12-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 11—THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

- I. Prayers
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
 - B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Inside Front Cover)
 - C. Saint and Virtue:
 - 1. Saint Anthony of Padua
 - 2. Reverence

- II. T/F (Page 76, 1-5); Fill in the Blank (Page 76, 1-5)

- IV. The Catholic Church
 - A. Mystical Body of Christ/The Bride of Christ/Mother/Temple
 - 1. God the Father’s Household/Family (Heaven = Home)
 - 2. Christ the Son’s Kingdom/Citizens of Heaven
 - 3. Structured based on Leadership as Sacrifice/Service from the foundation upward to Heaven (Inversion of the Tower of Babel):
 - a. Laity
 - b. Priests
 - c. Bishops
 - d. Apostles
 - e. Christ
 - B. Mystical Body of Christ (the Church—The Whole Christ—the fullness of Christ coming to full stature)
 - 1. Head—Christ/Pope—Vicar on earth and visible head
 - 2. Members—The Faithful: Baptized, profess the true faith, and have not left or been excommunicated
 - 3. Soul—Holy Spirit
 - 4. Life—Grace
 - 5. Scriptural Images/Types—Ark of Noah, Heavenly Jerusalem, vine, sheepfold
 - C. The Church:
 - 1. Founded by Christ to bring all men to salvation by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Who gives it life
 - a. Pentecost—“Birthday” of the Church
 - b. Life in the Holy Spirit—until the end of time

2. Filioque—Holy Spirit sent by the Father and the Son to enable the Church, according to the will of the Father and action from Christ the Head and His Sacred Heart:
 - a. To teach (prophetic munera/duty)
 - b. To sanctify (priestly munera/duty)
 - c. To rule (kingly munera/duty)
 3. Invisible Christ the Head works visibly on earth through the members of His Body, hierarchically structured:
 - a. Power to teach, sanctify, and rule entrusted by Christ to His Apostles united to Peter, and their successors united with the Pope
 - b. Peter and his successors—Pope as head of the Apostles/bishops; chief teacher and ruler of the Church
 4. Hierarchical cooperation:
 - a. Pope/bishop/priests/deacons/religious/laity
 - D. Role of the laity (salt/light/leaven in a world made insipid/dark/deflated by sin)—missionary obligation in word and deed in the family (domestic church)
 1. Catholic Action—in the world, but not of the world (apostolate)
 2. Works of apostolates:
 - a. Arouse the interest of non-Catholics in the Faith
 - b. Promote high standards of truth, beauty, and goodness in the media and culture
 - c. Catechesis of all ages and groups
 - d. Participation in Catholic societies/organizations
 - e. Accurately and charitably represent the Church's position in speaking and writing according to one's role and state in life
 - f. Lay missionary work away from one's home
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing