

RCIA Lesson 5

Our Lady Queen of Peace
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The Holy Spirit

- The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of His Son, is truly God.
- The Indwelling Spirit
 - “In Him we live and move and have our being...” Acts 17:28
 - “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” John 14:23

Gifts of the Spirit

- Seven gifts of the Spirit (Permanent and Supernatural)
 - Wisdom
 - Understanding
 - Counsel
 - Fortitude
 - Knowledge
 - Piety
 - Fear of the Lord

Charisms

- Favors Granted (I Corinthians 12:28-31 and Romans 12:6-8)
 - Speaking with Wisdom
 - Speaking with Knowledge
 - Faith
 - Healing
 - Miracles
 - Prophecy
 - Discerning of Spirits
 - Tongues
 - Interpreting Speeches

Grace and Virtues

- God's free gift of Himself
 - “Poured out into our hearts: Romans 5:5
 - His Presence to “share in the divine nature” 2 Peter 1:4
 - “firstborn among many brothers” Romans 8
 - Transforms you into unity with the body of Christ

Faith, Hope, and Charity

- 1 Corinthians 13
- Faith – Hebrews 11
- Hope – Jeremiah 29:11-12
- Charity / Love – Greatest of these...
 - Greatest commandment
 - Deuteronomy 6:5

The Universal Church

- Not a building, but an assembly of believers
- Founded by Jesus – The body of Christ / His Bride / Sacrament of Christ
- 12 Apostles – “to be sent”
- “Whatever you bind...” Matthew 18:18
- Eucharist – The Last Supper
- “We all partake of one loaf” 1 Corinthians 10:17
- “Do this in remembrance of me...”
- “Upon this rock (Peter) I will build my church...”
- I must go, so that the helper may come
- Apostolic Succession and the Day of Pentecost (Acts)

Infallibility

- Matthew 28:19-20
- John 16:13
- “That they may be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they may be in us, that the world may believe you sent me...”
- Pope – Ex Cathedra (The Chair)
- The Truth

Mary – Mother of The Jesus

- Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Mary – Mother of the Church

- Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee. (Luke 1:28)
- Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus. (Luke 1:42)
- Water into Wine (John 2)
- John 19:26
- Acts 1:13-14

The Saints

- In Heaven
- Canonized
- Heroes of the Faith
- We do not worship saints, we honor them
- They are role models in every sense of the word
- We ask them to pray for us (Communion of the Saints)

Sacred Scripture and Tradition

- Single Deposit of the Word of God entrusted to the Church
- The Bible – Biblio means Book
 - Canon – 46 OT and 27 NT
 - Inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Tradition
 - Handed down from the time of the Apostles
 - Jesus left a Church, not a book

Sin – Separates us from God

- Original Sin – Adam and Eve brought death
 - “be like God..”
 - Pride
 - Baptism washes away OS
- Personal
 - Mortal Sin
 - Grievous in nature
 - Must be confessed
 - Not in a state of grace
 - Should not receive Eucharist
 - Venial Sin
 - Easily forgiven – Simple act of contrition
- Social Evil – Social dimension of sin (Legalized Abortion)