SESSION 13

The Mission of The Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 3, Session 13.

After the Holy Spirit appeared to Peter and the apostles, they formed the early Church.

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As Catholics we recognize and respect the value of other religions.

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The mission of the Church is to be a sign of God's communion with all humanity, proclaim Jesus' presence, teach the truth, and communicate faith.

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Many images are used to describe the Church. Among them are the images of the Church as the Bride of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Body of Christ.

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Abraham and his tribe became God's people, the Hebrews, who were God's presence among all other peoples of the world.

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Jesus taught us not to discriminate against other people. We are to respect people of other religions.

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Solomon built the Temple in which God could be present and worshiped.

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Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah who fulfilled many prophesies of the Old Testament.

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The People of God are all temples of the Holy Spirit.

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When the crowd asked Peter what they could do, he told them to repent, be baptized, and receive forgiveness for their sins.

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