## Marks of the Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 3, Session 14.

The Nicene Creed was written centuries ago to help Christians remember the important beliefs of the faith. In the Nicene Creed, we identify the four Marks of the Church.

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The four Marks of the Church are that it is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

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God is one in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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The Church is holy because the Church lives in union with Jesus Christ, the source of holiness.

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Catholic means "universal." The mission of the Church is universal because the Church was sent to proclaim Christ to the entire human race, which includes a diversity of different peoples and cultures.

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The pope and the bishops are the successors of the apostles.

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Mary is the greatest example of holiness. Her song of response to God, titled the *Magnificat*, praises God for the gift of grace.

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The Nicene Creed begins with "I believe in one God."

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God gives each of us different gifts, or virtues, to perform good works.

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Paul wrote to the Ephesians about unity and love.

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