Ch. 3 - The Nature of the Church

- Read pgs 19-21 (Stop @ 4 Marks)
- As you read, list "images of the Church"

IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

1) Mystical **Body** of Christ
2) Kingdom
3) Mustard Seed
4) Wheat
5) Building
6) Sheepfold
7) Vineyard
8) Bride
9) Net
10) Treasure
11) Pearl  13) Ship
12) Sower & Seed  14) Yeast
1) Mk 4:30-32  Victor Julian  Claire Thinh
2) Jn 10:1-10  Lizbeth  Ava
3) Mt 21: 33-43  Caroline  Jenna
4) 1 Cor 3:9, Eph 2:19-22  Ines  Rachel
5) Rev 21:9, Eph 5:22-33  Nicholas  Sean
6) Jn 14:2, Mt 3:2, Mt 5:1-12  Tommy  Hector
7) Mt 13:33  Tori  Mia
8) Mt 6:21, Mt 13:44  Aiden  Daniel
9) Mt 13:46  Maria  Angelica  Brandon  Steele
10) Mt 13:47  Jackson  Anthony
11) 1 Cor 12:12-31  Bennett  Dawson

1) Read Passage
2) Summarize / Analyze
3) Apply to Church
4) Apply to 7th Grade

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Pretend Image Model

Summary

According to religion class, the Church is like an orchestra which is composed of musicians led by a conductor. Together the various sections -- strings, woodwinds, and percussion -- play together in harmony to create a magnificent musical symphony. This analogy symbolizes the structure and organization of the Church. God is the composer and manager who gave us a conductor, the pope, and lead instruments, the bishops, to help unify the musicians, the people of God, who proclaim one consistent message, the gospel of Jesus.

This applies to the Church around the world in many ways. First, Pope Francis, as successor to St. Peter - the Rock and representative of Christ, is like the conductor, in that he provides visible leadership to the entire Church to hold everyone together in unity. Second, our local bishop, Richard Stika, is like a first violin, the leader of our particular diocese in Knoxville. He provides spiritual direction for those under his care. Third, all Christians are able express a life of holiness because of the Faith and Sacraments, which are like the score and sacraments. Together the Church, like an orchestra, creates a beautiful path to knowing and experiencing God’s presence.

I think this applies to 7th grade as well. Here at school we have a conductor, Mr. Zengel our principal, who oversees every grade and helps manage the overall success of the school. We also have teachers, who are like bishops and priests, in that they help guide the students to learn and grow in holiness. The 7th grade is composed of many different students, each with his or her own talents and gifts, which contribute to Body of Christ here at school. Each of us is called to a life of holiness which includes treating one another with respect. Just as an orchestra must listen, cooperate, and help one another to achieve an awesome musical piece, so too must everyone at school respond to God's message to help one another achieve an environment of peace, learning, and charity.