

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

IMAGE PASSAGES

- 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.