

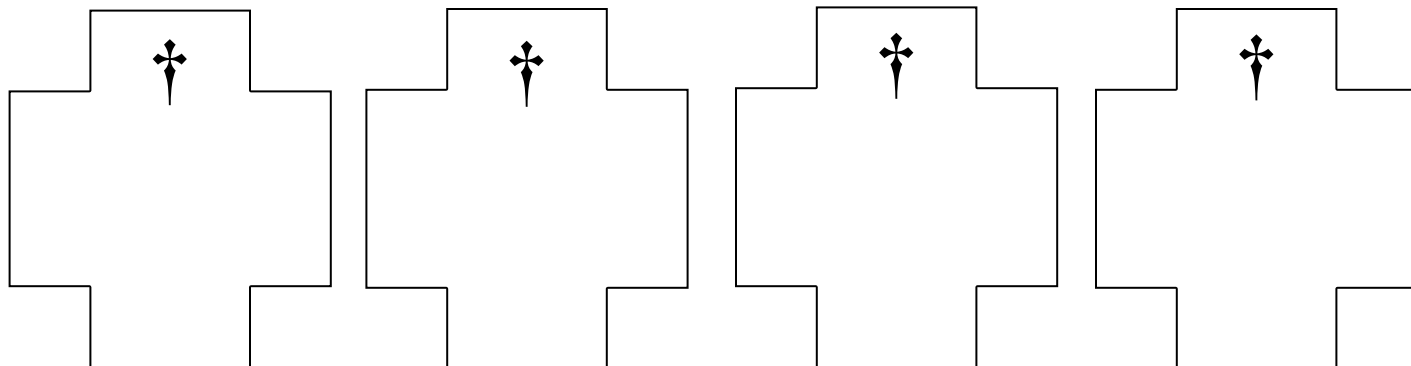
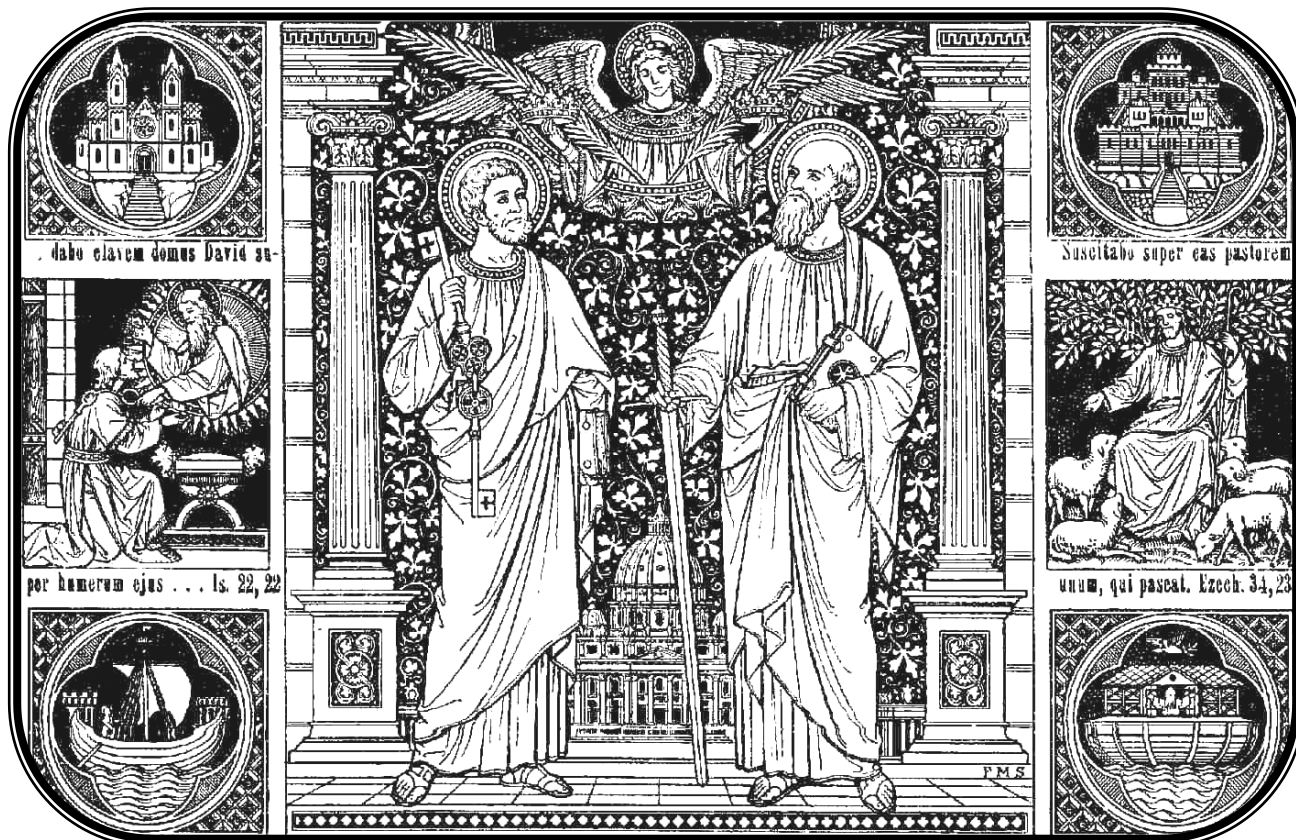
Print on cardstock, color, cut out, and paste to one side of your lap book file folder.

The folder can be closed using twine or the ribbon on your choice.

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print on white cardstock and color the image. This is for the top of the inside center flap

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Have the child write the four marks of the Church, one in each of the four Crosses. Cut out and paste on the top of the inside center flap.

The True Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. The Church that possesses all the shining marks which our Lord gave is the Church of God, the True Church. Any church that lacks even one of these marks is an imitation, a false church, and not the one founded by our Lord. The Catholic Church is the only Church which possesses all these marks. It is the Church which Christ commanded all to hear and obey. The Catholic Church is the True Church.

To assemble tab book - cut out all five of the tabs. Stack them on top of each other in order and staple along the left hand side.

Tab 1

# The Marks of the Catholic Church



## One

Tab 2

One, because she has one Founder and Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of the one, true, living God, represented on earth by His Vicar the Pope, the successor of St. Peter. She teaches the one same Faith, whole and entire, which our Lord gave to His Apostles. She administers the same Sacraments He gave them power to administer.

Some Bible verses to look up:

Eph. IV: 4-5

I Cor. X: 17

Heb. 13: 8

## Holy

Tab 3

Holy, because her Founder is God, the Holy One Himself; and because, if faithful to her teaching, men cannot fail to become saints.

It teaches the highest and holiest doctrine ever presented to any people, a *standard* of perfection. It furnishes powerful *means* for holiness, in prayer and the Sacraments.

Some Bible Verses to look up:

Eph. ii: 19-22

Matt. xxvii : 19-20

## Catholic

Tab 4

Catholic, because our Lord said that His Apostles were to teach all nations, that the Church would last through all time to the end of the world, and that the Holy Ghost would teach her all truth.

When we say the Church is *Catholic* or universal, we understand that wherever it exists it must have the mark of unity. Otherwise it would not be the same body but many separate bodies.

Some Bible verses to look up:

Acts. I. 8

Matt. xxviii. 19-20

Rom. x. 17-18

## Apostolic

Apostolic, because our Lord taught His Apostles the truths which they have handed down to us; and because He gave the Apostles power to ordain other bishops and priests, and to hand on to them the orders and the mission they had received from Him. *This continuity*, or unbroken chain of Apostolic succession, will go on in the Church till the end of time.

Some bible verses to look up:

Matt. xvi. 18

Mark xvi. 15, 16

John xx. 21

Gal. i. 8



Jesus came down from heaven to save us and show us the way to God. But He did not wish to remain on earth for all time. Therefore He gave us His Church, to teach the way to heaven in His place. The Church is like a great ship. All who are in it and remain faithful to the end, will reach the shores of heaven in safety. St. Peter, or his successor, the pope, is the Pilot who steers the ship. Jesus watches over it day and night to keep it on the right path.

COLOR AND  
GLUE TO THE  
FRONT OF THE  
COMPLETED  
MINI-BOOK.

# When is the Birthday of the Church



Write something about the Birthday of the Church

FOLD

Directions for matchbook assembly - Print matchbook side 1. Reinsert the page into your printer and print matchbook - side 2 on other side. Make sure text is facing the same direction. Cut out on exterior solid lines. Fold toward the back on dotted lines. Then cut on the solid lines between the Apostles names.

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Matchbook - side 1

The First Bishops of the Church ~ The Twelve Apostles	Peter
	John
	James the Greater
	Matthew
	James the Less
	Andrew
	Thomas
	Philip
	Bartholomew
	Simon
	Jude
	Matthias

Was the first Pope or Bishop of Rome. After a miraculous escape from prison in Jerusalem, he founded his See in Antioch. He finally fixed his See at Rome. He was crucified upside down in the year 67 A.D.

Is the beloved Disciple, he lived at Ephesus and governed the Church in Asia Minor. He wrote the book of the Bible called the Apocalypse. He lived to be about 100 years old. He is the only Apostle who did not die a martyr's death.

He was St. John's brother according to tradition, he travelled as far as Spain. He is the Patron Saint of Spain. He was the first of the Apostles to be martyred in the year 44.

Preached among the Ethiopians, Persians, and Parthians, and was martyred in Parthia. He wrote the first of the four Gospels.

Was Bishop of Jerusalem. He was cast down from the pinnacle of the Temple in 63 A.D. He wrote one Epistle to the Jews scattered all over the world.

Preached along the lower Danube, and was crucified in Greece.

Preached in Persia, Medea, and went as far as India. He was martyred in India.

Preached in Phrygia and Scythia, and was crucified at Hieropolis.

Preached in India, Arabia, and Assyria. He was flayed alive and crucified in Armenia.

Preached in North Africa, and was martyred in Persia.

Preached in Syria, and was martyred in Persia. He wrote the "Catholic Epistle."

This Apostle replaced Judas Iscariot as one of the twelve. Preached in Ethiopia, and was martyred in Sebastopolis.



This is a pop-up book. First, print book on cardstock. Mountain fold the book in half on the grey line. Snip the two solid lines. Fold that flap down towards you on the gray line. Now, valley fold the book in half on the grey line, popping the box to the inside of the book. Cut out the picture of St. Joseph. and on the box marked "glue" glue the picture to pop-up sitting level with the paper. Make sure it lies flat when closing the book. Next cut out the box with "Who is the Patron of the Universal Church?" Close the pop-up book and glue this box to the top of the book.

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Who is the Patron  
of the  
Universal Church ?

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GLUE

St. Joseph,  
Protector of  
Holy Church,  
Pray for us!

O Holy Spirit, Creator, be gracious to Thy Catholic Church. By Thy heavenly Power make it strong and secure against the assaults of the enemy. Renew in charity and grace the spirit of Thy servants, whom Thou hast anointed that they may glorify Thee and the Father and His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Raccolta, Imprimatur 1938 ~

Grant me, O God, thy grace that in these evil days of false doctrines I may remain steadfast to Thy holy Gospel which in the Holy Catholic Church remains pure and unchanged; never let me be deterred from obeying its precepts, neither by the charms of the world nor by the mockery and reproaches of the wicked.

~ Goffine's Devout Instruction,  
Imprimatur 1888 ~

Prayers for the Prayers of the Church pocket. Print on cardstock for sturdiness.



## Prayers for the Church

## WHO BELONGS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



### “THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS”

The Communion of Saints is the spiritual union and communication among all members of the Church, whether they are in heaven, on earth, or in purgatory.

### THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

The Church Triumphant are the Saints and Angels in Heaven. They are called this because they have gained the crown of victory.

## ACCORDION BOOK

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CUT OUT BOTH RECTANGLES ALONG SOLID LINES. CREASE ON DOTTED LINES. GLUE THIS SQUARE TO THE BACK OF THE SQUARE WITH "THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT."

CUT A PIECE OF RIBBON OF YOUR CHOICE ABOUT 12" LONG AND TIE AROUND THE BOOK BEFORE GLUING INTO PLACE.

### THE CHURCH SUFFERING

The Church Suffering are the holy souls in purgatory. They are called this because the still have to expiate for their sins before they can enter heaven.

### THE CHURCH MILITANT

The Church Militant are those who belong to the Catholic Church on earth. They are called this because they still have to struggle ceaselessly against the enemies of their souls.

The Holy Father the Pope has jurisdiction and supreme power over all of the Church.

## POPE-BISHOP OF ROME



## OF THE CHURCH

The Cardinals are the Pope's assistants or advisors. They are appointed by the Pope and together form the Apostolic College. The Apostolic College chooses a new Pope when the See becomes vacant. The Cardinals are distinguished by a red hat and mantle, as a sign that they will be loyal to the Pope even at the cost of their blood.

## CARDINAL

Nuncios are representatives or ambassadors of the Pope to different countries, courts or occasions.

## NUNCIOS

An Archbishop is a bishop who has certain powers of jurisdiction granted by the Pope over neighboring dioceses composing his province. Archbishops wear a pallium, a white strip of wool, on their shoulders, as a symbol of gentleness and humility.

## ARCHBISHOP

A Monsignor is an honorary title signifying rank.

## MONSIGNOR

A Parish Priest is appointed by the bishop to have charge of a body of Catholics living in a certain section of the diocese.

## PRIEST

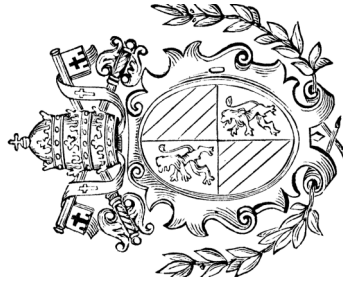
A Bishop rules over an organized territory called a diocese or bishopric, granted to him by the Pope. He has Parish Priests under him. Bishops are called "Princes of the Church." Bishops wear a mitre, and carry a crosier as a sign of their office of pastor. They wear a pectoral Cross. They have a ring, as a symbol of their union with their diocese. The faithful kiss this ring as a token of obedience.

## BISHOP

A Deacon assists the priest in celebrating solemn Mass and gives Communion. He also may preach and baptize.

## DEACON

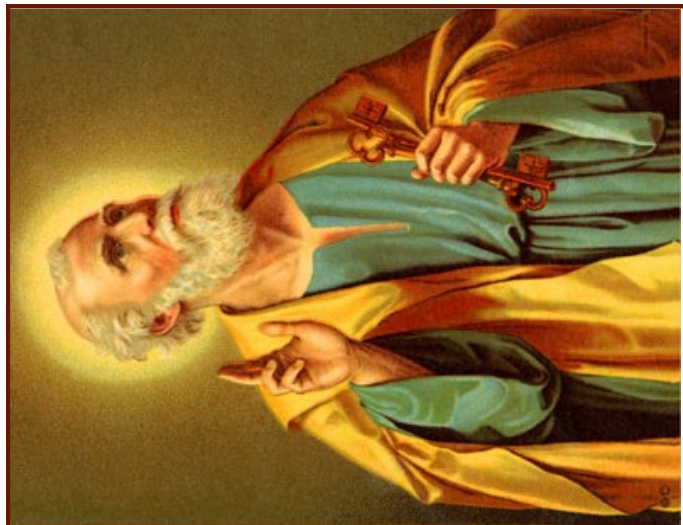
GLUE PICTURE OF SAINT PETER TO THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THE SHUTTER BOOK IN THE CENTER.



Who was  
the first  
Pope of the  
Church?

"THOU ART  
PETER AND  
UPON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD MY  
CHURCH, AND THE  
GATES OF HELL  
SHALL NOT  
PREVAIL AGAINST  
IT, AND I WILL GIVE  
TO THEE THE KEYS  
TO THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN."

(Matt. xvi: 15-18)



SAINT PETER





## How Does One Become a Member of the Catholic Church?



We become members of the Church through the  
Sacrament of Baptism.

Baltimore Catechism -

Q. 152 What is Baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament which cleanses us  
from original sin, makes us Christians, chil-  
dren of God and heirs of heaven.

Q. 157 How many kinds of baptism are there?

Baptism of water, of desire, and of blood.