

Marks of the Catholic Church

The four marks of the Church are described below. Read each and then identify your role and that of your Church community in living out these signs.

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We are called to “act as one,” to be in unity with one another.

A way for me

to encourage unity is to

My parish community

encourages unity when members

holy

Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us live as holy people.

A way for me

to become holy would be to

My parish community

is holy when people

catholic

Being universal and open to all makes us catholic.

A way for me

to show I am catholic as well as Catholic is to

My parish community

shows it is catholic when it

apostolic

We are to be faithful to the teachings of the apostles.

A way for me

to follow the example of the apostles is to

My parish community

is apostolic because it

“We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church...”

Nicene Creed

Parents and Catechists: The four evangelists each wrote in a different place and time, as well as for different groups of people. Mark’s audience included Christians who were being persecuted for their beliefs during the Reign of the Roman emperor Nero. Matthew wrote for a Jewish audience, striving to show them that Jesus came to perfect the law of Moses.