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The Holy Spirit Guides Us to Become Church

One of the signs of a healthy family is having a sense of “we.” We appreciate others even if they are different from us. We learn something about who we are from those we come in contact with. Others help us to learn about ourselves as we share our fears and hopes. The Church is our faith family. We identify our faith community as the Catholic Church. We are Catholics, and we are united in our faith.

ACTIVITY

Family Name What is the history of your family name? Make a list of as many surnames that you know that represent people in your extended family. Place them on a chart to make your family tree.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

The next time you are in church, find the baptismal font. Explain to your child how he or she was baptized.

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Saint of The Week



**Saints Peter and Paul,
the Apostles**
(first century)

Saints Peter and Paul differed; Peter was married, Paul was not; Peter was a fisherman; Paul was a rabbi; Peter led the Christians; Paul attacked the Christians until Jesus appeared to him.

Feast Day: June 29



**A
Prayer
for the
Week**

Lord, help us put aside our differences as Saints Peter and Paul did. Help us answer God's call to love and help one another as they did. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Ephesus Located in present-day western Turkey, Ephesus was once a busy seaport. It was also a cultural center where 25,000 people would gather in its great amphitheater. The Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is an important feature of this large city. Saint Paul established a Church community in Ephesus as well as in cities across the Aegean Sea, such as Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica.

Read Paul's letter in Ephesians 2:11–22, and 4:1–6. It reminds all Christians of unity in Christ and the call to love others.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Music

Doctrina Arriving with the Spanish Conquistadors in New Mexico and California, Franciscan friars such as Felipe Arroyo de la Cuesta helped arrange collections of Native American melodies. Native American converts were encouraged to chant these hymns. Mission records indicate that at least two prayers, one taken from the *Doctrina* (Catechism) and from the *Alabado* (which means “song of divine praise”), were sung in the native language. Similarly, French missionaries in the Northeast learned native melodies and adapted church music to them.