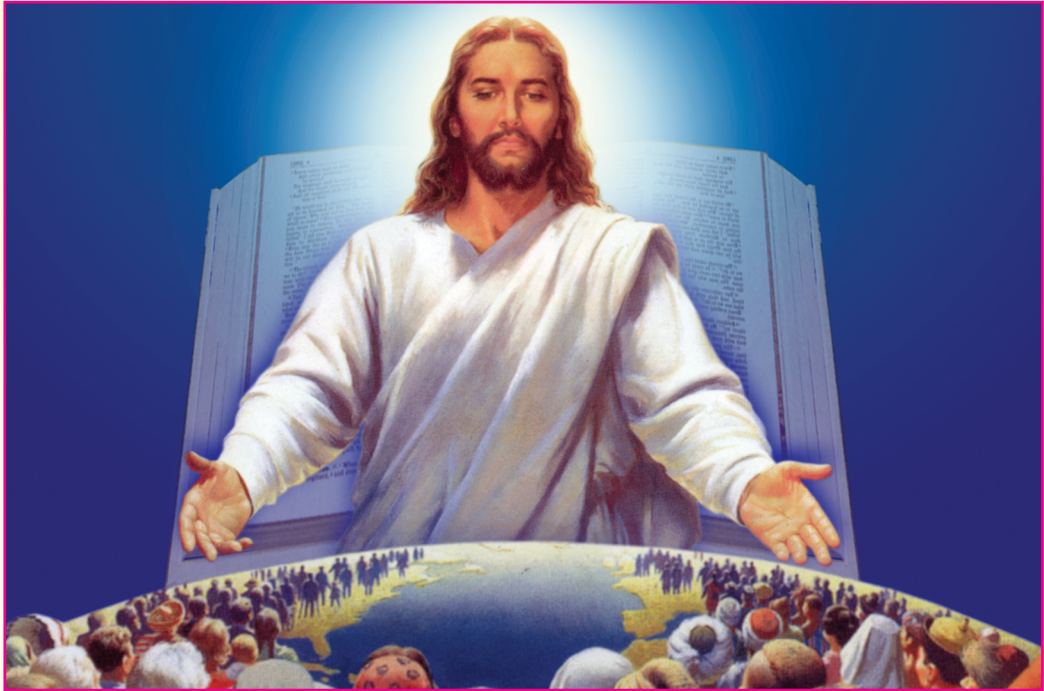


Lesson 2

JESUS WHO GIVES LIFE THROUGH THE CHURCH



The Church is the community of people who believe in Jesus and obey His words. Jesus lives in the Church and works through the Church to make all men share divine life.

We can compare the Church to a human body and its organs. St. Paul, the apostle, says: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor 12:27).

United with the head, different organs in a human body fulfill their duties. All the organs perform their duties well and thus work for the growth of the body. Each organ acts according to the instructions of the

head. These organs contribute to the proper functioning and growth of the body, doing various tasks. Jesus is the head of the body, the Church (Eph 1:22-23).

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (1 Cor 12:12).



The members of the Church, the body of Christ, are like the organs of the body. Just as the duties of eyes, ears, hands and legs in a body are different, the mission of the members of the Church is also different. Each one's mission becomes meaningful when we remain united with Jesus, the head of the church and work in co-operation with other members. Then the body of the Church grows.

We need divine life to live united with Jesus fulfilling our mission and growing in fellowship and unity with our brethren. Jesus instituted the sacraments to impart this divine life.

Jesus gives us His own divine life through the sacraments. Thus, He sanctifies, empowers and builds the Church constantly.

It is through the Church that Jesus gives divine life to the world. Today Jesus gives this life through the Church.

Each one of us is a living member of the Church-the body of Christ. We who receive divine life through sacraments have certain missions to fulfill. Let us be united with Jesus and fulfill our duties and responsibilities. Then the life of Jesus will flow into us and through us to others.

Let us pray

Jesus, you have made us children of God and members of the Church. Give us the good will to think with the Church and to participate in her activities.

A word of God to remember

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor 12:27).

**Let us read the word of God
with devotion**

1 Cor 12: 12-27

Activity

Match the following

Eyes

Ears

Lips

Christ

Sacraments

Head of the Church

See

Divine life

Speak

Hear

My Decision

I will regularly participate in the
catechism classes.

Let us find out the answers

1. What is the Church?
2. Who is the head of the body, the Church?
3. Why did Jesus institute sacraments?
4. How does Jesus give us His divine life?
5. What must we do to grow in divine life?