Correlation to Curriculum Framework Course IV: Jesus Christ's Mission Continues in the Church

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I. Christ Established His One Church to Continue His Presence and His Work A. The origin, foundation, and manifestation of the Church (CCC, 778–779). 1. The Church—planned by the Father (Lumen Gentium [LG], 2; CCC, 759).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 9, 11–12
2. Preparation for the Church begins with God's promise to Abraham (<i>CCC</i> , 762).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 11–14
3. The Catholic Church was instituted by Christ (<i>CCC</i> , 748–766). a. Christ inaugurated the Church by preaching Good News (<i>CCC</i> , 767–768).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 9, 15–19
b. Christ endowed his community with a structure that will remain until the Kingdom is fully achieved (<i>CCC</i> , 765).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 18–19
c. The Church is born primarily of Christ's total self-giving (CCC, 766).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 17 Section 1, Part 2 p. 25
4. The Holy Spirit revealed the Church at Pentecost (CCC, 767–768).	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 23, 26
5. The Church is the pillar and foundation of truth (1 Tm 3:15; CCC, 768).	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 125–127
B. The descent of the Holy Spirit (<i>CCC</i> , 696, 731–732, 767, 1076, 1287, 2623).	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 23, 24, 26

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 Fifty-day preparation. Jesus remains with us always. The events of the first Pentecost. 	Section 5, Part 2 p. 219
C. Holy Spirit is present in the entire Church (<i>CCC</i> , 737–741). 1. Spirit present in and through the Church.	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 20–37 Section 1, Part 5 pp. 57–58
2. The Holy Spirit bestows varied hierarchic and charismatic gifts upon the Church.3. The Spirit's gifts help the Church to fulfill her mission (<i>CCC</i>, 768; <i>LG</i>, 4).	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 27–29, 32–36
D. Holy Spirit inspires Apostles' mission (<i>CCC</i>, 857, 860).1. The Great Commission (<i>CCC</i>, 858–860).	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 22, 26 Section 1, Part 3 p. 39
2. The preaching of Peter on Pentecost (<i>CCC</i> , 551–556).	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 23–24
3. The growth of the Church (CCC, 766–769).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 17–18 Section 1, Part 2 pp. 27–29 Section 1, Part 3 pp. 39–47
4. Conflict with Jewish and Roman authorities (<i>CCC</i> , 2474). a. Persecutions (<i>CCC</i> , 675–677, 769, 1816). b. Martyrdoms: Stephen, James (<i>CCC</i> , 2473–2474).	Section 1, Part 3 pp. 45–46
5. The Church spreads to the Gentiles (<i>CCC</i> , 762, 774–776, 781). a. The conversion of Saint Paul (<i>CCC</i> , 442). b. Paul's missionary journeys (<i>CCC</i> , 442).	Section 1, Part 3 pp. 39–44 Section 2, Part 4 p. 113
E. Handing on the teaching of Jesus (<i>CCC</i> , 787–789, 792, 796).	Section 2, Part 4 pp. 114–117

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1. Apostolic Tradition (CCC, 857–865).	
2. The development of the New Testament (CCC, 124–133).	Section 2, Part 4 p. 116
F. The role of the Apostles in the early Church (<i>CCC</i> , 857). 1. Chosen and appointed by Jesus Christ (<i>CCC</i> , 857–860). 2. The Council of Jerusalem: the Apostles recognized as leaders of the Church (<i>CCC</i> , 860).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 18 Section 1, Part 3 pp. 39–44 Section 2, Part 4–Section 4, Part 1 pp. 112–164
3. Community of Apostles continued in community of Pope and bishops (<i>CCC</i> , 861–862).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 18 Section 2, Part 4 pp. 114–115, 117–119
II. Images of the Church (Partial Insights of Church Sharing in Trinitarian Communion) A. In the Old Testament (<i>CCC</i> , 753–762). 1. Prefigured in Noah's ark (<i>CCC</i> , 56, 753, 845, 1219). 2. The call of Abraham, and the promise to him of descendants (<i>CCC</i> , 762). 3. Israel's election as the People of God (<i>CCC</i> , 762). 4. The remnant foretold by the prophets (<i>CCC</i> , 762).	Section 1, Part 1 pp. 13–15 Section 1, Part 4 p. 51
B. In the New Testament (<i>CCC</i> , 763–776). 1. The Body of Christ (<i>CCC</i> , 787–795).	Section 1, Part 4 pp. 53–55
2. The Temple of the Holy Spirit (CCC, 797–801).	Section 1, Part 4 pp. 57–59
3. The Bride of Christ (CCC, 796).	Section 1, Part 4 pp. 56–57
4. The vine and branches (CCC, 787).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 14
5. The seed and the beginning of the Kingdom (<i>CCC</i> , 541, 669, 764, 768).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 17

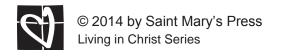
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6. The family of God (<i>CCC</i> , 791, 1655–1658, 2204–2685).	Section 1, Part 1 p. 17 Section 1, Part 4 p. 51
C. Images rooted in Scripture and developed in Tradition. 1. The People of God (<i>CCC</i> , 781–782).	Section 1, Part 4 p. 51
2. The way to salvation.	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 125, 126–128
3. Marian images (<i>CCC</i> , 507, 773, 967, 972).	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 92–96
4. The community of disciples.	Section 1, Part 4 p. 54
5. A pilgrim people.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 155
III. The Marks of the Church "The sole Church of Christ which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic subsists in the Catholic Church" (CCC, 870). A. The Church is one (CCC, 813–822). 1. Unity is in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit; it is visible unity in the world. 2. The Church is united in charity, in the profession of one faith, in the common celebration of worship and Sacraments, and in Apostolic Succession (CCC, 815).	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 62–64
3. Unity in diversity. a. Multiplicity of peoples, cultures, and liturgical traditions (<i>CCC</i> , 814, 1202). b. Communion of twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches and one Western Church, all in union with the Pope.	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 62, 64–65 Section 2, Part 3 pp. 106–108
4. Wounds to unity. a. Heresies (note modern parallels).	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 62, 70–73

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i. Early Church heresies: Gnosticism, Arianism, Nestorianism, Monophysitism, and Apollinarianism (CCC, 464, 466–467, 471).	
ii. Protestant Reformation: emphasized sola scriptura (the Bible alone) and sola gratia (grace alone).	Section 2, Part 1 p. 72
iii. New divisions—sects and cults.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 70
b. Schisms (the split between East and West). i. Following the Council of Ephesus in 431, those Churches that followed Nestorius established separate Churches; later returned to union with Rome.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 70
ii. Following the Council of Chalcedon in 451, those who accepted the Monophysite position formed what are called the Oriental Orthodox Churches.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 70
iii. Eastern Schism of 1054: the Pope in Rome and the bishop of Constantinople excommunicated each other, thus leading to the breach between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 71
c. Apostasy.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 65
 5. Ecumenism. a. Jesus' prayer for unity of his disciples (John 17:11; <i>CCC</i>, 820). b. Vatican II documents. c. Ecumenical dialogues with Orthodox Churches and Protestant ecclesial and faith communities emphasized common Baptism of all Christians and common service to love even to the point of joint-martyrdom. d. The fullness of Christ's Church subsists in the Catholic Church (<i>LG</i>, 8). 	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 74–78
Interreligious Dialogue. a. Judaism, which holds a unique place in relation to the Catholic Church.	Section 2, Part 3 pp. 103–105

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b. Islam.	Section 2, Part 3 pp. 103, 105–106
c. Other religions.	Section 2, Part 3 pp. 103, 105
B. The Church is holy (<i>CCC</i> , 823–829). 1. Holiness is from the all-holy God: all human beings are called to live in holiness. 2. Christ sanctifies the Church through the Holy Spirit and grants the means of holiness to the Church.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79–81
Church members must cooperate with God's grace. a. Divine dimensions of the Church.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79–80
b. Human dimensions of the Church.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79–80
4. Church members sin, but the Church as Body of Christ is sinless. a. Church constantly fosters conversion and renewal.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 80, 82–83
5. Mary, Mother of the Church and model of faith. a. The Annunciation and Mary's "yes" to God. b. Mary's perpetual virginity. c. The Immaculate Conception and the Assumption.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79, 92–96
Canonized saints: models of holiness. a. Their example encourages us. b. They intercede for us.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79, 87–92
7. The members of the Church are always in need of purification, penance, and renewal (<i>LG</i> , 8, cited in <i>CCC</i> , 827, 1428; <i>Unitatis Redintegratio [UR]</i> , 6, cited in <i>CCC</i> , 821).	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 82–83
C. The Church is catholic (<i>CCC</i> , 830–856). 1. The Church has been sent by Christ on a mission to the whole world and exists worldwide. 2. The Church exists for all people and is the means to salvation for all people.	Section 2, Part 3 pp. 97–98 Section 3, Part 1 pp. 126–132

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3. Salvation comes from the Church even for non-members (see <i>Dominus lesus</i> , section 20; <i>CCC</i> , 1257).	Section 2, Part 3 p. 98 Section 3, Part 1 pp. 126–132
 D. The Church is apostolic (<i>CCC</i>, 857–865). 1. Founded by Christ on the Twelve with the primacy of Peter. 2. Has apostolic mission and teaching of Scripture and Tradition. 3. Guided by successors of the Twelve: the Pope and bishops. 	Section 2, Part 4 pp. 111–120
Christ calls all Church members to share Gospel of salvation.	Section 2, Part 4 pp. 120–121
IV. The Church in the World A. The Church is sign and instrument of communion with God and unity of the human race (CCC, 760). B. Christ founded the Church with a divine purpose and mission (CCC, 760).	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 128–129 Section 2, Part 4 pp. 112–113
1. Jesus—not the members—endowed Church with authority, power, and responsibility (<i>CCC</i> , 763–766).	Section 2, Part 2 p. 81
2. Church transcends history yet is part of history.	Letter from the Author p. 7 Section 2, Part 2 p. 80
3. Church continues Christ's salvation, preserves and hands on his teaching.4. Church scrutinizes "signs of the times"—interprets them in light of Gospel.	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 126–127 Section 3, Part 2 pp. 138–139
 C. The Church and her mission of evangelization (<i>CCC</i>, 861, 905). 1. Definition and description of <i>evangelization</i>. 2. Missionary efforts. 3. Call to a new evangelization. 	Section 3, Part 2 pp. 141–145

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D. Visible structure of the Church: a hierarchical communion (<i>CCC</i> , 880–896). 1. The college of bishops in union with the Pope as its head. a. The Holy See. b. Individual dioceses. c. Parishes.	Section 4, Part 1 pp. 149–155
d. Family: the domestic Church (<i>CCC</i> , 791, 1655–1658, 2204, 2685).	Section 4, Part 1 p. 153 Section 4, Part 2 pp. 177–179
2. The various vocations of life. a. Ordained bishops, diocesan and religious priests continue the ministry of Christ the Head (<i>CCC</i> , 1555–1568).	Section 4, Part 1 pp. 156–162
b. Ordained deacons continue the ministry of Christ the Servant (<i>CCC</i> , 1569–1571).	Section 4, Part 1 pp. 163–166
c. Religious: consecrated by vows to Christ (<i>CCC</i> , 925–933). i. Religious orders. ii. Religious societies.	Section 4, Part 2 pp. 179–184
d. Laity: baptized members of Christ (<i>CCC</i> , 897–913). i. Evangelization and sanctification of the world. ii. Some of the laity work full time for the Church.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 158 Section 4, Part 2 pp. 172–179
iii. The laity live in various states of life:a) Marriage and family life.b) Single life.c) Third orders and lay consecrated people.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 160 Section 4, Part 2 pp. 169–172, 176–184
E. Teaching office of the Church: the Magisterium (CCC, 890). 1. The teaching role of the Pope and bishops.	Section 1, Part 2 p. 35 Section 3, Part 2 p. 144



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 a. Authentic interpreters of God's Word in Scripture and Tradition. b. Ensure fidelity to teachings of the Apostles on faith and morals (<i>CCC</i>, Glossary). c. Explain the hierarchy of truths. d. The Ordinary Magisterium must be accepted even when it is not pronounced in a definitive manner. e. Obey the mandate for evangelization. 	Section 4, Part 1 pp. 156–157 Section 4, Part 3 pp. 186–190, 193–194
Indefectibility and infallibility. a. Indefectibility: the Church will always teach the Gospel of Christ without error even despite the defects of her members, both ordained and lay.	Section 4, Part 3 pp. 190–193
b. Infallibility: the gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives the Church the ability to teach faith and morals without error. i. The Pope can exercise infallibility when teaching alone on faith and morals, when the teaching is held in common by the bishops of the world and the Pope declares that he is teaching ex cathedra (CCC, 891).	Section 4, Part 3 pp. 192–193
ii. The Pope and bishops exercise infallibility when they teach together either in regular teaching dispersed throughout the world or when gathered in an Ecumenical Council (CCC, 892).	Section 4, Part 3 pp. 192–193
3. The law of the Church. a. Pastoral norms for living the faith and moral life, e.g., the precepts of the Church.b. Disciplines of the Church can be adjusted by the hierarchy for new circumstances.	Section 4, Part 3 pp. 188, 189
F. Sanctifying office of the Church (<i>CCC</i> , 893). 1. The Eucharist is the center of life in the Church. 2. Bishops and priests sanctify the Church by prayer, work and ministry of the Word, and the Sacraments. 3. Goal for all is eternal life.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 157 Section 5, Part 1 pp. 204–205

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G. Governing office of the Church (<i>CCC</i> , 894–896). 1. The Pope, the bishop of Rome, exercises supreme, ordinary, and immediate jurisdiction over the universal Church.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 158
2. Bishops have responsibility to govern their particular churches; they are to exercise their authority and sacred power with the Good Shepherd as their model.	Section 4, Part 1 p. 158
V. Implications for Life of a Believer A. Belonging to the Church is essential (<i>CCC</i> , 760). 1. Christ willed the Church to be the ordinary way and means of salvation (<i>CCC</i> , 763, 772–776). 2. We receive Christ's redemption as members of his Body the Church.3. Christ entrusted Word and Sacraments to the Church for our salvation.4. Church has fullness of truth and totality of the means of salvation.	Section 2, Part 1 p. 74 Section 2, Part 2 p. 81 Section 2, Part 3 pp. 98–99 Section 3, Part 1 pp. 126–128, 132–133 Section 4, Part 1 p. 156
B. Jesus Christ enriches us through the Church. 1. Through the Sacraments, beginning with Baptism; regular reception of the Sacraments is essential for members of the Church. 2. Through a life of prayer, communion, charity, service, and justice in the household of faith. 3. Through association with others who want to follow Christ in the Church.	Section 5, Part 1 pp. 204–210
C. The Church at prayer. 1. Liturgical year (CCC, 1163–1178).	Section 1, Part 2 p. 26 Section 2, Part 2 p. 91
2. How we pray. 3. Celebration of the Christian mysteries (<i>CCC</i> , 1273, 1389).	Section 2, Part 1 p. 65 Section 3, Part 1 pp. 133–134 Section 5, Part 1 pp. 204–206

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D. Living as a member of the Church, the Body of Christ, means we live as disciples, proclaiming the Lord Jesus' teaching to others (<i>CCC</i> , 520, 1248). 1. As disciples of Christ we are "salt and light for the world." a. Living as Christ calls and teaches us as known in and through the Church. b. Active response to call to holiness at home, workplace, public square. c. Examples for Christian witness in parish and diocese.	Section 5, Part 2 pp. 212–219
 2. Necessity of prayer (<i>CCC</i>, 2612, 2621). a. The Lord forms, teaches, guides, consoles, and blesses us through prayer. b. Prayer helps us to understand the teachings of Jesus Christ and his Church in a deeper way and live them more fully. 	Section 4, Part 3 p. 190 Section 5, Part 1 pp. 202–203, 204–206
VI. Challenges A. Why do I have to be a Catholic? Aren't all religions as good as another (CCC, 760, 817–822, 836)? 1. To be a Catholic is to be a member of the one true Church of Christ. Though elements of truth can be found in other churches and religions, the fullness of the means of salvation subsists in the Catholic Church (CCC, 816, 836–838).	Section 2, Part 1 p. 74 Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79–81 Section 2, Part 3 pp. 98–99
2. Christ willed that the Catholic Church be his sacrament of salvation, the sign and the instrument of the communion of God and man (<i>CCC</i> , 774–776, 780).	Section 1, Part 2 p. 23 Section 2, Part 2 pp. 79–81
3. Those who through no fault of their own do not know Christ or the Catholic Church are not excluded from salvation; in a way known to God, all people are offered the possibility of salvation through the Church (CCC, 836–848).	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 129–130

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4. Members of the Catholic Church have the duty to evangelize others (<i>CCC</i> , 849–856).	Section 3, Part 2 pp. 141–145
B. Isn't the Church being hypocritical in telling other people to be holy and avoid sin when many Catholics, including the clergy, are guilty of terrible wrongs (<i>CCC</i> , 823–829)? 1. Some members of the Church might be hypocritical. Members of the Church, like all human beings, are guilty of sin, but this doesn't make the Church wrong or hypocritical.	Section 2, Part 2 pp. 82–83
 The Church teaches what God has told us about how to be holy and the necessity of avoiding sin. Failure by members of the Church to live out what God has taught does not invalidate the truth of the teaching we have received through the Apostles and their successors. The Church is guided and animated by the Holy Spirit and, as the Body of Christ, remains sinless even if her members sin. 	Section 1, Part 2 pp. 20–37 Section 2, Part 2 pp. 80–86 Section 3, Part 1 p. 126
C. Who needs organized religion? Isn't it better to worship God in my own way, when and how I want? 1. God desires us to come to him as members of his family, his new people, so he established the Church to accomplish that purpose (<i>CCC</i> , 760).	Section 1, Part 4 p. 51 Section 3, Part 1 pp. 132–134
2. No one and no community can proclaim the Gospel to themselves (<i>CCC</i> , 875).	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 132–134
3. Because human beings are social in nature, we need one another's encouragement, support, and example (CCC, 820).	Section 3, Part 1 p. 132
4. Worship of God has both a personal dimension and a communal dimension: personal, private worship is encouraged to complement communal worship (<i>CCC</i> , 821, 1136–1144).	Section 3, Part 1 pp. 133–134

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5. The Church offers us authentic worship in spirit and in truth when we unite ourselves with Christ's self-offering in the Mass (CCC, 1322–1324).	Section 3, Part 1 p. 133
6. God taught in the Old and New Testaments for people to come together and worship in the way that he revealed to them (<i>CCC</i> , 1093–1097).	Section 3, Part 1 p. 132
7. The Catholic Church is structured so that all the members, clergy and laity alike, are accountable to someone (<i>CCC</i> , 871–879).	Section 4, Part 1 pp. 149–153 Section 4, Part 2 p. 172
D. How is it that the Catholic Church is able to sustain the unity of her members even though they live out their faith in different cultures and sometimes express their faith in different ways? 1. The Church is able to sustain unity because she has the apostolic teaching office of the Pope and bishops to guide and direct her under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (<i>CCC</i> , 815). 2. It is the Pope and bishops who are the successors in every age to Saint Peter and the Apostles (<i>CCC</i> , 815, 862).	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 66, 68 Section 2, Part 4 pp. 114–115
3. The unity of the Church is also sustained through the common celebration of worship and the Sacraments (<i>CCC</i> , 815).	Section 2, Part 1 pp. 66, 68

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