

Final Performance Task Options for Unit 5

Important Information for Both Options

The following are the main ideas you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you learned the most essential content.

- The Church's people share a common mission.
- The hierarchy's unique role in the Church is to teach, govern, and sanctify the Church.
- Vowed religious further the Church's mission through their vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience.
- The laity's unique role in the Church is to proclaim Christ by word and example in the ordinary circumstances of the world.

Reflect on this quotation from Pope Benedict XVI as you begin your research:

Dear brothers and sisters, in the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick and all who suffer. Act as beacons of hope, casting the light of Christ upon the world, and encouraging young people to discover the beauty of a life given completely to the Lord and his Church. (From homily given at the Votive Mass for the Universal Church, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, April 19, 2008)

Option 1: "The Mission Belongs to All of Us"

Chart and Reflection

You have been asked by your pastor to present information on a variety of Catholic organizations throughout the world that embrace the mission of the Church, as expressed in the quotation from Pope Benedict XVI, so that parishioners can learn more about what is being done and how they can get involved. You are to identify and research a minimum of ten different Catholic organizations throughout the world. Follow these guidelines in researching information on each organization and composing your presentation:

- Identify the organization's mission statement or an explanation of its stated purpose (providing meals for homeless persons, celebrating Sacraments, and so on) and how it relates to the mission of the Church.
- Identify how the organization fulfills its mission, providing concrete examples.
- Provide contact information for the organization and ways someone can get involved with the work it does.



- Create a chart on poster board presenting the organization and the information you discovered.
- Write a personal reflection on the statement by Pope Benedict XVI and on the mission we are all given at Baptism.

Option 2: Mission Brochure

You have been asked to produce a brochure that shows that all the baptized share in the mission of the church in your home (arch)diocese to be shared at a diocesan ministry fair. The challenge is that you have been asked to include people living the various primary lifestyles (lay, single, married, religious) as well as those who have specific functions or roles in the hierarchy of the Church. You are to research at least six different ways (ministries) the mission of the Church is being carried out in your (arch)diocese. Follow these guidelines in researching for your brochure:

- Provide the church's mission statement or an explanation of its stated purpose (providing meals for homeless persons, celebrating the Sacraments, and so on).
- Identify who is involved.
- Provide the church's contact information.
- Include pictures of people engaged in the work of the ministry. Include representatives from each of the lifestyles (lay, single, married, and religious) as well as the hierarchy.
- Submit, with your brochure, a one-page, typed personal reflection that explains how you think those who see your brochure will respond.

