

Every Baptized Person Is a Part of the Church



1 Corinthians 12:14–18, 27 (For the full story, read 1 Corinthians 12:12–27.)

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STORY

14 For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts. **15** If the foot were to say, “Because I am not a hand, I don’t belong to the body,” that would not keep it from being a part of the body. **16** And if the ear were to say, “Because I am not an eye, I don’t belong to the body,” that would not keep it from being a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? **18** As it is, however, God put every different part in the body just as he wanted it to be.

27 All of you are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it.

The Mass

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Reading Plan

Understand It!

Is there any part of you that you would choose to live without? Would you give up your eyes? your ears? your heart? Of course not! Each part of your body does an important job for you. This Bible passage from First Corinthians [kawr-IHN-thee-uhnz] teaches that the Church is Christ's Body. Each person, or member, is important.

People are all different, and that is good. Because of our different gifts, we each have something special to give to the Church. God has a special job for each of us. When every person does his or her special work well, it is good for the whole Church.

Live It!

Think about this puzzle: "The C H _ _ C H is not the CHURCH unless U R in it." What does the puzzle mean? Who is missing? (Hint: What letters are missing? Say them out loud.) Ask God to help you be a good member of his Church. Use the gifts God has given you to help the Church.

Tell It!



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Using the pictures above, retell this reading in your own words.