



Our Lady of the Rosary
FAMILY CATECHISM

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Activity 1: Verbal repetition

Repeat orally the questions and answers from the Baltimore Catechism.

114. **Q. Which are the means instituted by Our Lord to enable men at all times to share in the fruits of the Redemption?** A. The means instituted by Our Lord to enable men at all times to share in the fruits of the Redemption are the Church and the Sacraments.

115. **Q. What is the Church?** A. The Church is the congregation of all those who profess the faith of Christ, partake of the same Sacraments, and are governed by their lawful pastors under one visible head.

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Activity 2: Project

Create your own shield, banner or flag, using an image of the coat of arms of the Holy See as your emblem.

The two crossed keys represent the authority given to St. Peter by Our Lord. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus said: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom". (Mt. 16:19) One is coloured silver and the other coloured gold. The two keys are interlaced with a red cord. The Papal tiara is white with golden crowns.

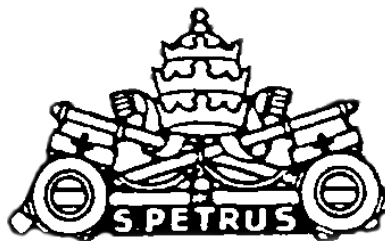


Activity 3: Artwork

Draw the scene in which Our Lord gives the Keys of the Kingdom to St. Peter (Mt. 16:13-20).

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Activity 4: Prayer

We often pray for the intentions of the Holy Father the Pope. This is also one of the conditions in order to gain a plenary indulgence. The *Raccolta* gives four generic and objective intentions that are always included in the intentions of the Holy Father the Pope. They are:

- 1) The progress of the Apostolic Faith and triumph of the Catholic Church.
- 2) Peace and union among Christian Princes and Rulers.
- 3) The conversion of sinners.
- 4) The uprooting of heresy.

Pray one **Our Father**, one **Hail Mary** and one **Glory Be** for the intentions of the Holy Father the Pope.

Activity 5: Word search

Words

1. CATHOLIC
2. CHURCH
3. HEAD
4. VISIBLE
5. INVISIBLE
6. POPE
7. BISHOPS
8. ST. PETER
9. KEYS
10. KINGDOM
11. GOVERN
12. SANCTIFY
13. SAVE

W	M	A	C	S	A	N	C	T	I	F	Y	O
X	F	I	A	C	S	D	O	I	U	O	P	K
B	D	V	C	H	A	Y	W	E	T	H	A	B
K	E	Y	S	U	S	T	K	M	C	M	G	I
I	Y	U	H	R	S	Y	H	G	O	I	T	S
N	N	V	T	C	I	X	L	O	T	N	G	H
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Activity 6: Fill in the gaps to the questions and answers that you have memorised in Activity 1.

Can you do this from memory?

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A. The means instituted by Our Lord to enable men at all times to share in the fruits of the Redemption are the _____ and the _____.

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A. The Church is the congregation of all those who profess the _____ of Christ, partake of the same _____, and are governed by their lawful _____ under one visible head.

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Activity 7: Match the questions and answers

On the following page, use an arrow to join up the questions with their corresponding answer.

Once you have done this, cut out the questions and answers and stick them together to make **FLASH CARDS**.

Alternatively, you may wish to use them to play **MEMORY PAIRS**.

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