

This session's objectives:

- To anticipate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) by improving students' understanding of the relationship between the Catholic Church and other Christian churches
- To empower candidates to explain & affirm their Catholic beliefs as part of evangelization & basic apologetics
- To explore the role of Mass as a response we make because of our faith and its importance for our salvation, spiritual well-being and service to others

This session's program:

1. **Name-tag pick-up and Icebreaker** 5-10 min 6:45
 - student nametags; turn in Letters taken home to finish, any late papers/forms
Icebreaker based on Journal p. 65, discuss at tables/in groups
 - be prepared to share top answers with the class – how do we live by Jesus' example?
2. **Prayer for Christian Unity** (led by Rachel/Anne/Joe) 5 min 6:55
 - also introduce the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated each year to bring Christians of different churches together in prayer for unity between 1/18 (Confession of St. Peter, a Protestant feast) & 1/25 (Conversion of St. Paul)
 - it's good to focus more on what unites us than on what divides us! Connect to last class
3. **Christian Churches Compared** (Rachel/Anne/Joe) 15 min 7:10
 - high-level overview of some key similarities & differences of major Christian churches
 - branching trees, circle graphics show relationships of church communities
 - [video](#) from Fr. Mike Schmitz. illustrating that the Catholic Church is the original ship, with many other ships sailing in the same direction that all borrowed from the original
4. **Marks of the Church** (video as a class; **discussion at tables/groups**) 15-25 min 7:25
 - [video](#) introduction as a class (*stop at 5:00 in when it becomes a commercial*)
 - breakout discussion at tables on 4 questions themed to the 4 Marks of the Church, that the Church is One, Holy, Catholic. and Apostolic
 If time is short, class leader may assign different questions to different groups.

5. **Video on the Mass** (intro'd Rachel/Anne/Joe) 10 min 7:50
 the Eucharist is the source & summit of our faith life as Catholics, so how can we be [Bored at Mass?](#), show video
6. **Mass Verbs Breakout** (At Tables/Groups/Partners) 25-30 min 8:00
 - each pair chooses a verb card to write about on the question sheet (10 minutes)
 - can share responses with table, discuss where different actions occur during Mass (15 minutes); help each other
 - can use overview on pp. 104-105 of the textbook to review structure of Mass
7. **Homework, Reminders and Closing Prayer** 5 min 8:25
 - pray *Renewal of Baptismal Promises*

Homework & Reminders for Candidates:

- **NO CLASS** next week (MLK Holiday) - read/do **textbook** pp. 28-30
- next class is **Monday, Jan. 27** for both tracks - interview with parish staff in Feb.!
- **Christian service** forms for 5+ hrs **due in 3 weeks** at first class in Feb. – take a form!