

## *Jesus Lives in His Church*

**FOCUS:** In this chapter, you will be helping your child to understand that through Baptism, we become members of the Church and share in God's life.

Through Baptism, each of us becomes a new creation, a new person in Christ. Each person in the Church is intimately bound to God and to others. The more everyone cooperates and supports others, the more the Church bears witness to the unity of the Body of Christ.

All the members of Christ's mystical body are called to use their gifts to serve God and his people freely, imitating Jesus, who said he "did not come to be served but to serve." (Matthew 20:28) Under Christ, the invisible head of the Church, members labor in different ways as fellow workers with God.

### **Scripture in This Chapter**

Ephesians 2:19–22 One in Christ  
1 John 3:1 Children of God  
1 Peter 2:10 Now You Are God's People.

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

551–552, 882, 1213, 1234–1243

### **In this chapter, help your child to**

- ✦ identify himself or herself as a child of God and as part of the People of God through Baptism.
- ✦ explain that the community's love and support are expressed in the baptismal ceremony.
- ✦ describe parts and symbols of the rite of Baptism.
- ✦ identify the leaders of the Church.

### **Words Your Child Should Know**

- ✦ bishop
- ✦ Confirmation
- ✦ faith
- ✦ Original Sin
- ✦ priest
- ✦ sacrament

### **Key Terms for Your Information**

- ✦ apostle—one of the first leaders of the Church
- ✦ Baptism—the sacrament that gives us God's life, makes us members of the Church, and takes away sin
- ✦ Church—the group of people who believe and follow Jesus
- ✦ Eucharist—the sacred, sacrificial meal shared by Catholics in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine
- ✦ godparents—the people who promise to help parents bring up a baptized child as a Christian