

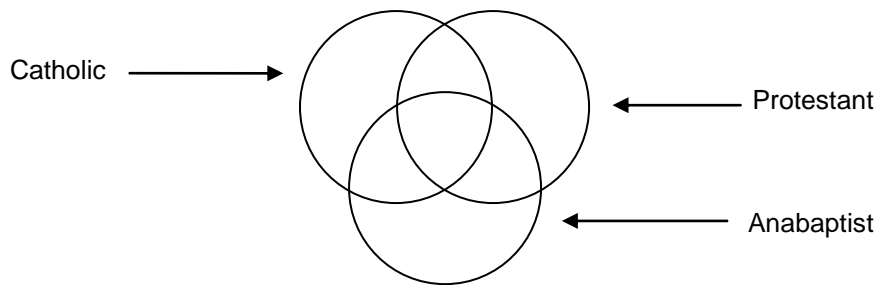
# One Church.

*In Dialogue with the Bride of Christ*

## Week 6: Catholic (with Msgr Vincent Kerr)

### COMMUNITY IN UNITY – Contend for the Faith

Jude 3-4



### CATHOLICISM – When In Rome...

- History...
- Theology...
- Structure...
- Style...

### A DIFFERENT TAKE ON – Mary, the Saints, & the Eucharist

Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; John 2:1-5;  
Acts 1:14; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29

## LOOK TO THE BOOK – 1 John 1:1-3

### TAKE OUT – I'll Have One Gospel to Go Please

There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious  
and more splendid than the text of the Gospel.  
~ Catechism of The Catholic Church,  
Second Edition, Article 127

*NEXT WEEK... Pentecostalism (with Van Johnson)*

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### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

#### Warming Up...

1. After reviewing Sunday's teaching time, talk about what beliefs and practices you agree and disagree with Catholics about.
2. [In what ways are Anabaptists more like Protestants than Catholics? In what ways are we possibly more like Catholics than Protestants?]

#### Look to the Book...

3. Read **1 John 1:1-2:2**. A) What stands out to you the most about this passage? B) John calls Jesus the "Word of Life". Elsewhere Jesus and/or his Gospel message is called the "Word of God". What is the value and danger of calling the Bible as a book "the Word of God" as many Protestants do? C) Have you found yourself "walking in darkness" this past week? D) How do **verses 8-10** make you feel? E) How do Catholics and Protestants interpret **verse 9** differently? F) Talk about how John is both optimistic and realistic about our sinful tendencies in **2:1**. G) Think back to last week. How might **2:2** challenge the "L" in TULIP (Limited Atonement)? Also see **1 Timothy 2:1-6; 4:10; Hebrews 2:9; 2 Peter 2:1**.

#### The Great Debate...

4. [Divide into two groups to debate Catholic versus Protestant views of spiritual authority: *The authority of the first Apostles is passed on to new church leaders in each generation in an unbroken line of authoritative Church teaching versus the authority of the first Apostles is embedded in the teaching of Scripture and each generation of the Church, including its leaders, should submit to its authoritative teaching.* Consult **Matthew 16:13-19; Mark 7:1-8; John 5:39-40; 1 Peter 2:4-6** when building your case. Take 5 minutes to prepare, 5 minutes to debate, and then switch positions for another 5 minutes!]

#### So What?...

5. Back to **1 John 1:8-10**. Church of all places should be the place where we are free to talk openly and safely about our failure. A) Has that been your experience? B) What could you do in Home Church to make it more your experience? C) Why not start now?
6. **Summer Splash question** – How does our culture push us to focus on the next big acquisition in life? Visit [themeetinghouse.ca/splash](http://themeetinghouse.ca/splash) to learn more.

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