

## **Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church**

The order of the document is important: first chapter explores the mystery of Church; the second chapter, the *People of God*—and the subsequent chapters discusses the various groups that make up the people of God. But all the faithful, the whole people, are seen as equal before God in Baptism, though we have various functions in the Church. The document ends with a chapter on Mary, as our model and mother.

### **Chapter 1: The Mystery of the Church**

Here are some questions for reflection

1. How is your school or parish a spiritual communion?
2. How could this school or parish become a more authentic instrument for building up the body of Christ?
3. How might you contribute to this mission?

### **Chapter 2: People of God**

All human beings are called to belong to the Church.

### **Chapter 3: The Church is Hierarchical**

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## **Chapter 4: The Laity**

## **Chapter 5: The Universal Call to Holiness**

## **Chapter 6: Religious**

## **Chapter 7: The Pilgrim Church**

## **Chapter 8: Our Lady**

**“The Virgin Mary is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer.” (LG #53)**