

Lumen Gentium Study Guide

Chapter I- The Mystery of the Church

Reflection:

1. What ideas from this chapter are new to me? What ideas from this chapter are refreshed or renewed for me?
2. What ideas from this chapter can help me grow as a disciple of Jesus as I deepen my relationship with Him?
3. How can the information from this chapter help me, by the grace of God, improve my ability to bring the light of Christ to my family, friends, community, and ultimately our culture?

Application:

1. What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church? (CCC 758-766; 778)
2. What is the mission of the Church? (CCC 767-769)

Chapter II- On the People of God

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Application:

1. What are the characteristics of the people of God? (CCC 782, 804)
2. In what way does the people of God share in the three functions of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King? (CCC 783-786)

Chapter III- On the Hierarchical Structure of the Church

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Application:

1. Why did Christ institute an ecclesiastical hierarchy? (CCC 874-876, 935)
2. How is the collegial dimension of Church ministry carried out? (876-877)

Chapter IV- The Laity

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Application:

1. What is the vocation of the lay faithful? (CCC 897-900, 940)
2. How do the lay faithful participate in the priestly office of Christ? (CCC 901-903)
3. How does the laity participate in the prophetic office? (CCC 904-907, 942)
4. How do they participate in the kingly office? (CCC 908-913, 943)

Chapter V- The Universal Call to Holiness

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Application:

1. Are all called to Christian holiness? (CCC 2012-2016, 2028-2029)

Chapter VI- Religious

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Application:

1. What is the consecrated life? (CCC 914-916, 944)
2. What can the consecrated life give to the mission of the Church? (CCC 931-933, 945)

Chapter VII- The Eschatological Nature of the Pilgrim Church

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Application:

1. What is the meaning of the “communion of saints?” (CCC 946-953, 960)
2. What else does “the communion of saints” mean? (CCC 954-956, 961-962)

Chapter VIII- Blessed Virgin Mary

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Application:

1. How does the Virgin Mary help the Church? (CCC 965-970, 974-975)
2. What kind of devotion is directed to the holy Virgin? (CCC 971)

Concluding Questions

1. What are the three most important ideas I want to take away personally from my reading of *Lumen Gentium*?
2. What are the three most important ideas that I want to share with others who may benefit from a clearer understanding of our Catholic faith?