

## Pages 10-11

*I belong to my school family.*

The Catholic school is an experience of Church, a community trying to live according to the gospel so that all members of the school community find love, respect and opportunities to develop their talents and grow towards maturity.

### Look

Help children to identify members of the school community, different needs and gifts.

What games are children playing?

What do you think the teacher is doing?

Why is he using sign language?

What is the teacher signing to the children?

### Make connections

Encourage children to think about what they do and enjoy in the playground and what others might do and enjoy that is different.

### Something to do

Invent some new versions of playground games. Talk about playground rules that ensure that everyone can play safely and happily.

## Pages 12-13

*The Church family comes together to celebrate.*

The parish church is a principal focus for the life of the Catholic community. The Eucharist is the expression, celebration and deepening of communion with Christ and in Christ with one another. It helps to remember that our English name 'Mass' comes from the final, encouraging command 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'. (In Latin, *Ite missa est.*)

"Through the liturgical life of a local Church, Christ, the light and salvation of all peoples, is made manifest to the particular people and culture to which that Church is sent and in which she is rooted." (CCC 1202)

### Look

What do you see? (people, altar servers, priest, crucifix, hymn books, benches)

What is happening? (gathering song is being sung, servers and priest are processing in)

### Make connections

What is the same when you go to church? What is different?

What is the name of the priest(s) in the parish you go to/to which the school belongs?

### Something to do

Find out the name of your parish church and parish priest.

Find a hymn/song that you like to sing in church.

## Pages 14-15

*Everyone shares God's world.*

The word 'catholic' means 'universal'. First, the Church is catholic because Christ is present in her. She is the Body of Christ. Secondly, the Church is catholic because she has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race. (See CCC 830-831)

### Look

What do you see? (map, world, blue sea, green land)

Who do you see? (people, adults, children)

### Make Connection

What do you know about these people? (look different, come from different countries)

Who do you know from a different country?

Have you ever been to a different country?

How did you get there?

Have you seen children from different countries? (neighbourhood, TV, pictures)

### Something to do

Home: Look out for people from different countries when you go out. (supermarket, on the bus)

At school: Are there people in your school whose families come from different countries? On a map of the world find the countries.

