

Jesus Christ founded the Church to bring all men to eternal salvation.

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ established the Church in order to lead men to heaven by:
 - (a) Continuing His teaching and example;
 - (b) Applying the fruits of His Sacrifice on the cross to all men -- (directly by means of THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS) until the end of time.
 - (c) Applying the fruits of the SACRAMENTAL SYSTEM.
2. Our Lord gave to the Church a three-fold office:
 - (a) The office of TEACHER;
 - (b) The office of PRIEST or SANCTIFIER;
 - (c) The office of PASTOR or RULER.

By these offices Christ intended His Church to accomplish the purpose for which He founded it.

3. After Pentecost Sunday the Apostles began to carry out their mission of making disciples of all nations. Through them and their successors this mission continues and will continue to the end of the world. On the first Pentecost about three thousand were received into the Church after St. Peter's sermon. They were the first members converted and baptized since the Ascension of our Lord.

4. Christ did not found more than one Church - How Could He have divided His House into so many contradictory units? One and ONLY one Church was founded by Jesus Christ. Therefore, one church is not as good as any other church, and all churches cannot be salvific. Only ONE church has the Elements of the TRANSUBSTANTIATION, and without the Grace that flows from the SACRIFICE (which only the Catholic Has), salvation is difficult to explain or understand.

IS THE CHURCH FOUNDED BY CHRIST A VISIBLE ORGANIZATION?

The Church founded by Christ was a visible organization, with certain distinguishing Marks:

1. No one can deny that Jesus Christ gathered disciples, and out of them chose twelve Apostles, to whom He gave special instruction and orders. He formed them as the FOUNDATION of His organization. Was this not visible??
2. From the very beginning the Apostles exercised their authority and powers; these were signs of a very visible organization. They did not JUST GIVE ADVICE - - they did not JUST RECOMMEND - - they DIRECTED, as superiors who had the power to do so; and DECIDED, as judges in authority. THEY decided; THEY gave the orders. The system in Apostolic times fell somewhat short of the insisted upon democratic system of these our times.
3. The Apostles and Fathers condemned SCHISM. This fact implies a visible organization; for how can there be schism against an invisible body.
4. Simply said, the Church has FOUR VERY DISTINGUISHING MARKS. When any of these are missing all that there can be is an organization for purposes of worship - NOT A CHURCH capable of extending GRACE to the Membership, nor the Church founded by Christ:

- (1) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ONE
- (2) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS HOLY
- (3) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS CATHOLIC - universal
- (4) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC