

Chapter 22

A Parish

All who believed were together and had all things in common.
Acts 2:44

For the Parents:

In chapter 22 your child learned to:

- Identify the ministries in his or her parish
- Choose ways he or she can contribute to parish ministries
- Ask God to guide his or her parish life and ministry

One of the major insights of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) was an understanding of the Church as the People of God. This means that all Catholics are called to participate fully in the life of the Church. The parish provides the setting where this happens. The parish is the gathering of the faith-filled Resurrection community. Members gather also to hear and live the Word, to serve, and to celebrate. These great ministries of gathering, proclaiming, serving, and celebrating are everybody's responsibility and privilege. One can see the outlines of the parish in the Acts of the Apostles, where believers gathered to witness the Resurrection in their attitudes, words, and actions.

With Your Child:

1. Talk about how long your family has been in your parish. Talk about what your family likes best about your parish.
2. Read about Blessed Vicente Villar on the Review and Explore page.