

# We Believe

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 6**.

Benedict and Scholastica formed communities for men and women to live together in prayer and meaningful work. Benedict built Monte Cassino, a monastery, a place where monks live together in community. With Benedict's help, Scholastica founded and led a community for women.

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Early in the Church's history, bishops met in ecumenical councils to clarify Church teaching.

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The Magisterium, or teachers of the faith, stated that Jesus was fully human and was just like us in all things except sin.

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The mystery of the existence of God in Three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is called the Trinity. Each Person is God, whole and entire. The Church believes that Jesus is consubstantial, or one in being, with his Father and equal in every way.

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The Nicene Creed is a summary of Christian beliefs that was developed by the bishops after the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople.

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In the early Church, some people taught heresies, or false teachings, about Mary's relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

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The Church believes that Mary is both the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God. Many feast days honor Mary, including the Feast of the Annunciation, when we celebrate the day that Jesus was conceived.

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We use the word *incarnate*, which means "to become flesh," when we describe Jesus becoming man.

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Jesus' Paschal Mystery is the fulfillment of God's plan of Salvation. This mystery describes his Death, Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.

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Any time we worship together with others, we are praying a communal prayer.

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