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# The Universal Church

The Church is made up of many dioceses from all over the world. There are people from every nation that belong to the Church. They practise the Catholic faith wherever they are.



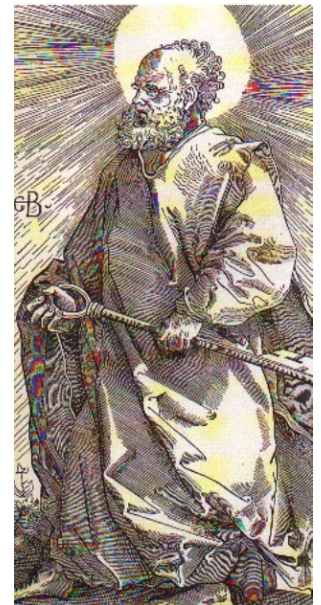
All the major feasts are celebrated around the world. This is Christmas in Bethlehem.



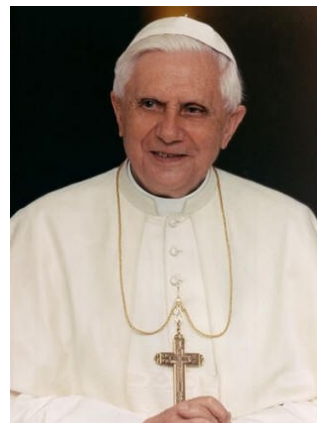
The "Cathedra" of the Pope

## The head of the Church

The Pope is the head of the world-wide Church. The word Pope comes from the Italian word "Papa" which means "father". The pope has his *cathedra* or "chair" in the Vatican which is an independent state in the city of Rome.



The first Pope



The present Pope

## The election of the Pope

The Pope is elected in a special meeting held in the Sistine chapel in Rome. The Cardinals meet after the death of a Pope to elect a new Pope. The line of Popes was never broken from the first one, who was chosen by Jesus, until today.



The election of a new Pope.

## THE FOUR QUALITIES OF THE CHURCH

ONE	
HOLY	
CATHOLIC	
APOSTOLIC	

**Together the Pope, bishops and Christians everywhere continue the work of telling the Good News to all the nations of the world.**