



## WHY AM I CATHOLIC?



**#121: WHAT DOES "CHURCH" MEAN?** The word Church comes from a Greek word meaning those who are called forth. (or called together) All of us who are baptized and believe in God are called forth in the Lord. Together we are the Church. Christ is the head of the Church and we are his body.

**#133: Why is the Church called catholic?** Catholic means related to the WHOLE. The Church is catholic because Christ called her to profess the WHOLE faith, to preserve ALL the sacraments, to administer them and proclaim the good news to ALL; and sent her to ALL nations.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### BLESSED MIGUEL PRO

Miguel Pro was born in 1891 in Mexico. Two of his sisters joined the convent. He entered the Jesuit seminary when he was 20 to be a priest. He was noted for his charity and ability to talk about spiritual subjects without being boring. During the Mexican Revolution in 1917, he went to Spain to study since the government was anti-Catholic. He came back in 1926 where Fr. Pro was pastor for a Church which was forced to go "underground." He celebrated the Eucharist secretly and ministered the other sacraments. He was arrested, released from prison the next day, but kept under surveillance. A rebel tried to assassinate the ex president and the government took advantage of this as an excuse to arrest Fr. Pro and his brothers. Even though they were innocent, they were put to death. His last words were: "May God have mercy on you! Lord, you know that I am innocent! With all my heart I forgive my enemies! Long live Christ the King!". He was canonized in 1988.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

AND SO I SAY TO YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF THE NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." THEN HE STRICTLY ORDERED HIS DISCIPLES TO TELL NO ONE THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH. - MATTHEW 16: 16-20

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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