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**Confirmation Year 1**

**Church Mission and History**

*Instructions: Please answer #1, then read the* Catholic Connections Handbook: *Chapter 22, and answer the rest of questions in complete sentences.*

1. Before you read: What do you think a mission is? What does it mean to have a mission? What do you think the mission of the Church is? (4-5 sentences)
2. Define eachof these key words from the chapter *in your own words* (not all are in bold):
   1. church, convoke, convocation
   2. Marks of the Church
3. In your own words, describe what each of these images of the Church teaches us about who we are as a Church and/or our mission as a Church:
   1. Sacrament (read the green blob)
   2. People of God
   3. Body of Christ
   4. Temple of the Holy Spirit
4. What does it mean that the Church is…
   1. …one?
   2. …holy?
   3. …catholic?
   4. …apostolic?

Watch this video and complete the task below. While you’re watching, please keep in mind that this is a secular video – meaning it’s just history about how the Church started in history, and isn’t made to teach what we believe about God. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG55ErfdaeY&list=PLBDA2E52FB1EF80C9&index=11>

Let’s clarify a few things from the video first:

1. The Covenant between God and the Hebrews is better summed up as “I will be your God and you will be my people.” Circumcision is important to Jewish identity, but it’s not the whole Covenant.
2. Some historians and some other churches think the Apostle James is Jesus’ brother, but the Catholic Church does not. The Bible does say that they are related. The Aramaic word for brother also means cousin, which is why different people have different beliefs about who James is. We believe that Mary did not have any other children after Jesus.
3. We do believe Jesus is divine! Jesus is God, part of the Trinity.

On to the task: **Using a full sheet of paper, draw a timeline of the development of Judaism and early Christianity. Include at least 7 events from the video. If the video does not mention dates, just make sure the event is in the right order.**