

AggieCAT Reading Group Fall 2014
Lumen Gentium Chapters 5 and 7

- The Church is described as being holy in the creeds. There are differing degrees of holiness. What adjectives are used in describing the Church in *Lumen Gentium* and why? (5.39)
- Why is the Church as the Bride of Christ an important image? Where is the image presented in Chapter 5 drawn from? How is this a call to universal holiness? (5.39)
- How is the holiness of the Church manifested in the world, and what is the effect of this holiness in the world? (5.39)
- In what fashion are followers of Christ made really holy? (5.40)
- What are the three "evangelical counsels" and how do those who take them upon themselves "[foster] in a special way" the holiness of the Church? (5.42)
- How does Jesus himself remain active in the world today? (7.48)
- Is the Church perfect? In what way? Will the Church attain perfection here on earth? (7.48)
- How is the example of the Saints and the need for prayer for the dead an important facet to the universal call to holiness? (7.50-51)