

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey
called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.
To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--
to each according to his ability.

Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them,
and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground
and buried his master's money.

After a long time
the master of those servants came back
and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward
bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents.

See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Since you were faithful in small matters,

I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said,
'Master, you gave me two talents.
See, I have made two more.'
His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'
Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said,
'Master, I knew you were a demanding person,
harvesting where you did not plant
and gathering where you did not scatter;
so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground.
Here it is back.'
His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant!
So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant
and gather where I did not scatter?
Should you not then have put my money in the bank
so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?
Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.
For to everyone who has,
more will be given and he will grow rich;
but from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away.
And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

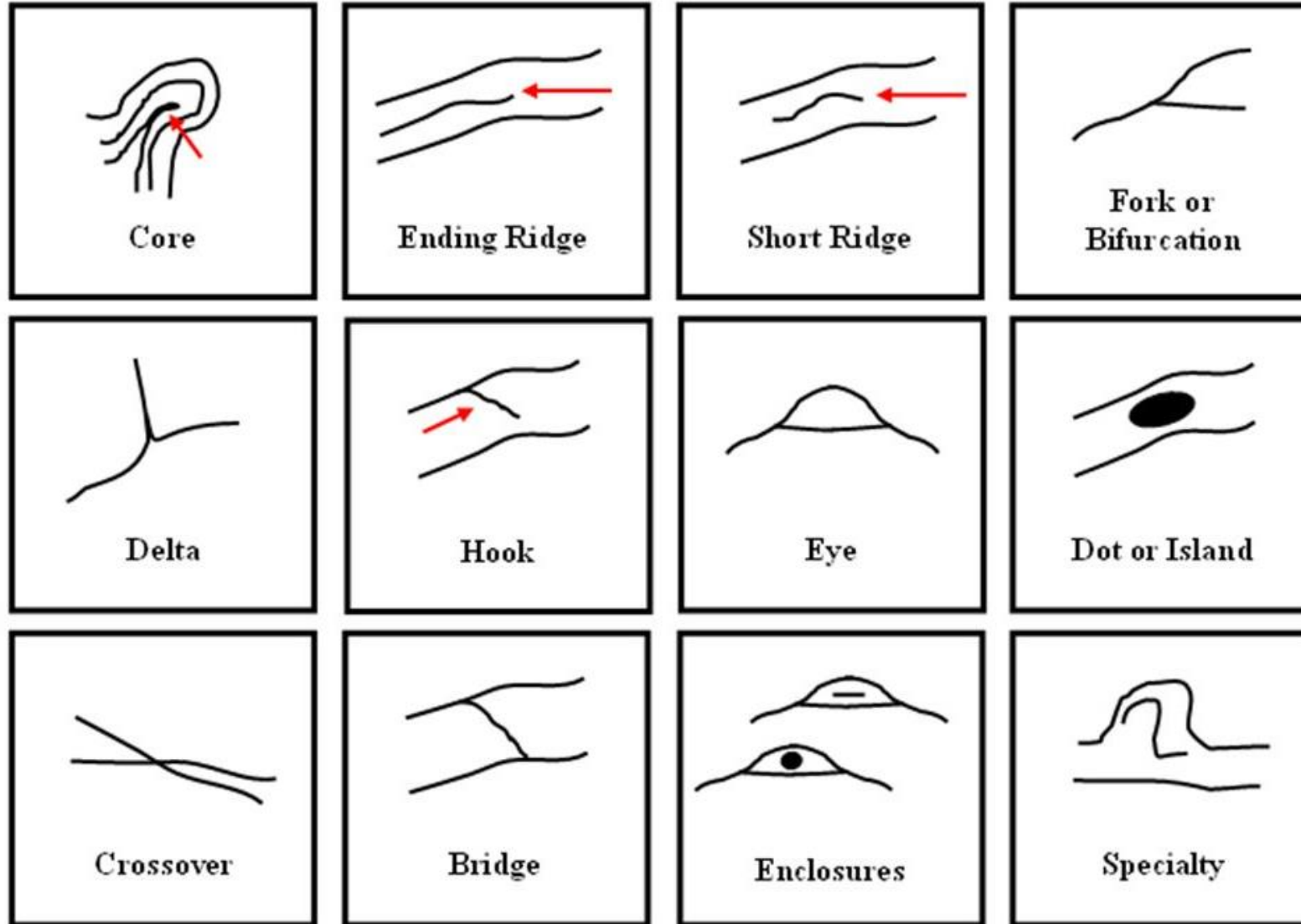
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

The Four Marks of the Catholic Church

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Ridge Characteristics



Use these characteristics as points of identification when comparing fingerprint samples. The more points you can find in common, the better the match!







ONE
APOSTOLIC
CATHOLIC
HOLY
IHS

FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

These are the **fingerprints** that can be used to fully identify our church and our faith beliefs.



ONE

A. **Trinity** – a communion of Love

B. **Unity**

1. We were perfectly united

2. Now Unity is our Goal again

a. Christian Division

b. Christian Reconciliation

C. **“CHURCH”** compared to
“Ecclesial Community





HOLY

Really? Our church.....Holy.....

A. Abuse, Theft, Scandal, Injustice, Neglect

1. What about others?
2. What about me?

B. Human Institution that needs constant reform

1. Gradualism
2. Prayer
3. Ten Commandments
4. Mission





HOLY

The Church is HOLY in her **founder**, in her **saints**, and in her means of **salvation**. (ACC 129)



The Church has her origin in the **Holy Trinity** and that is the source of her holiness. (ACC 129)



CATHOLIC

Small “c” CATHOLIC

Universal & Missionary

- Christian by Baptism
- accept and change cultures
- Jewish Religion: “God’s Eternal Promise”
- Muslim Religion > Abraham



“Dialogue is a form of Evangelization”
(ACC 131)



APOSTOLIC

Each **bishop** guides, leads, and teaches the people of his **diocese** in the Tradition of the Church



Arch**bishop** of Washington DC
Donald **Cardinal** Weurl

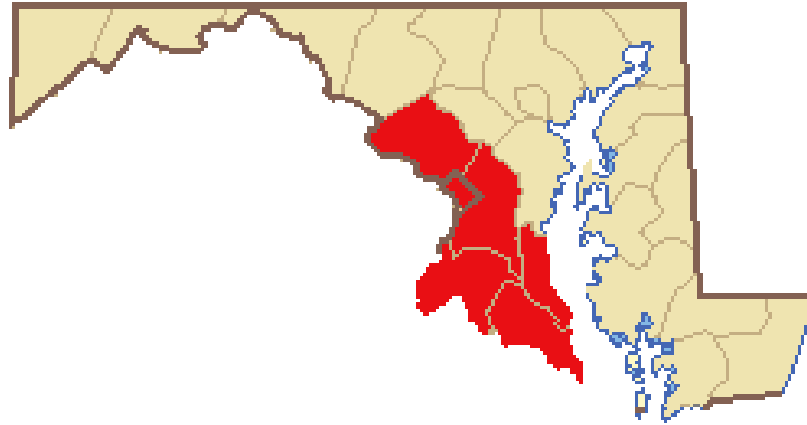
Pope Francis I
Bishop of Rome
Head of the College of **Cardinals**








APOSTOLIC

Ecclesiastical Province of Washington



-  Washington
-  St. Thomas
-  Province of Baltimore



APOSTOLIC

Apostle Linkage

Magisterium: *teaching office* of the College of Bishops

Ecumenical Councils

Papal Infallibility (faith and morals)

No doctrine is understood as defined infallibly unless this is manifestly evident.

(Canon Law 743-3)



**WHEN YOU PUT YOUR
LIFE UNTO HIS HAND
THAT IS WHEN YOU SEE
GOD'S FINGERPRINTS
ALL OVER YOUR LIFE**

GoodLightbearer