



ST. PETERS, ROME, EXTERIOR.

“The Church is called Catholic, then, because it extends over the whole world, from end to end of the earth; and because it teaches universally and infallibly each and every doctrine which must come to the knowledge of men, concerning things visible and invisible, heavenly and earthly; and because it brings every race of men into subjection to godliness, governors and governed, learned and unlearned; and because it universally

treats and heals every class of sins, those committed with the soul and those with the body; and it possesses within itself every conceivable form of virtue, in deeds and in words and in the spiritual gifts of every description.

And if ever you are visiting in cities, do not inquire simply where the House of the Lord is, - for the others, sects of the impious, attempt to call their dens the House of the Lord, - nor ask merely where the Church is, but where is the Catholic Church. For this is the name peculiar to this holy Church, the Mother of us all, which is the Spouse of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God”

– St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures*, Easter 450 a. d.