

**Catholicism Series**  
**Outline for Video for Week 9**  
**Do you know these two indispensable men?**

1. Peter and Paul: The Indispensable Men
  - a. The Christian movement would never have survived without Peter and Paul
  - b. Peter, head of the 12, one chosen by Jesus to be the leader, rock, witness to the resurrection
  - c. Paul, first Christian theologian, saw the full implications of the resurrection of the dead
  - d. Not just historical but archetypes in the Church for today
  - e. Bishops go to Rome to visit the pope but more to visit the tombs of Peter and Paul.
2. Peter
  - a. Stories of Peter in the Scriptures
    - i. Calling of Peter
      1. Jesus calls Peter by making him put out into deep water for a catch
      2. Caught a great catch
      3. Jesus called him to be fishers of men
    - ii. Transfiguration
      1. Peter said, Lord it is good for us to be here
      2. Peter loved Jesus the most
    - iii. Storm at Sea
      1. Peter walked on the water to Jesus
      2. When he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink
    - iv. At the courtyard at Jesus Trial
      1. Denied him three times
      2. Peter wept
    - v. Resurrection
      1. While fishing Peter jumps in the water to go to Jesus at the shore
      2. Jesus asks Peter if he loves Jesus 3 times to reverse the 3 denials
  - b. Peter is the archetype in that we see ourselves and our journey with Jesus
    - i. Saints know they are sinners as all who are moved toward the light.
    - ii. The great saints are the first to say that they are the worse sinners
  - c. Jesus asks the disciples, who do you say that I am
    - i. They got the wrong answers except Peter
    - ii. Peter says "you are the Christ, the son of the living God"
    - iii. Jesus tells Peter that the Father inspired Peter to this knowledge
    - iv. Peter is the Rock, and upon this Rock Jesus builds the church
      1. The church rests on this confession of Peter
      2. On him he will build the Church for all those to follow too
  - d. Peter as the definitive witness to the resurrection

- i. The wavering apostle came the definitive witness
- ii. Peter's speech in Acts – the people were cut to the heart
- iii. Peter went to Rome in the 50-60 AD
  - 1. St. Mark is the companion of Peter
  - 2. He was crucified in Rome
  - 3. They buried his body outside of Rome
  - 4. A church was built there, torn down and the one we see was built
  - 5. They excavated under the Church and found the tomb of Peter
  - 6. Christianity is based on a person who was the friend of Peter
  - 7. Christianity rests on the personal foundation of people's experience

### 3. Saint Paul

- a. Paul's background
  - i. He was Jewish and Greek and became a Roman citizen
  - ii. The three great cultures of Judaism, Greek and Roman
  - iii. Studied at the foot of Gamaliel in learning of classical Judaism
  - iv. He became a zealot who was bothered greatly by the rise of Christianity
  - v. Saul is present at the stoning of Steven and looked on with approval
- b. The story of Jesus as a threat to the current trends of all times