A / AN / THE

a / an / the are words which help explain the structure of a sentence. Here are two simple rules for using **a / an/ the:**

1. use **a/an** when talking about a general, non-specific noun. Use **the** when talking about a specific noun.

eg Pick up **a** pencil. (Pick up any pencil)
Pick up **the** pencil. (Pick up that particular pencil)

2. a is used when the next word starts with a consonant; **an** is used when the next word starts with a vowel. eg **a g**lass; **an a**chievement

Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

___ Catholic Church is made up of many different rites and cultures. Each has its own traditions and rituals.

__ rite is ___ part of ___ church that has its own liturgies and laws. ___ rites of ___ Catholic Church evolved from ___ ancient centres of Christianity. There may be ___ student in your class who follows the Maronite or Melkite rites. ____different rites share ____ same faith and ____ same sacraments, but some of their liturgies and rituals are different.

Within _____ Catholic faith, each culture has its own feast days and celebrations. For example, Filipino Catholics have ___ strong devotion to Mary. They joyfully celebrate Mary's feast days with processions. St Patrick's Day is ___ important feast day for Anglo-Celtic Catholics. In ____ Italian Catholic culture, most babies are named after saints. People celebrate ___ feast day of their name-day saint. __ special feast day for Vietnamese Catholics is November 24, ___ feast of ___ Vietnamese martyrs.

Name of the Rite	Ancient city associated with the rite
Latin rite	Rome
Armenian, Syrian, Maronite and Chaldean rites	Antioch
Coptic and Ethiopian rites	Alexandria
Melkite, Ukranian and Russian rites	Constantinople

Use the information in the table above to complete these sentences. Most Catholics world-wide belong to the Latin Rite based in _____ with the Pope as its leader.
Australia is home to many Catholics following the rites founded in Antioch, namely _____ _____. The _____ and _____ rites were founded in Alexandria and the _____ _____rites are originally from Constantinople.

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