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The Church: Our Story

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Unit 7 The Church Is a Communion of Saints

7.1 Who are the Saints?

Directions: Read the assigned pages for each section and fill in the missing information. All the answers are found in sequential order as you read.

Saints Alive

Read pages 260-262.

1. True or False? The hand of God is seen in the world through the actions of God's people.
2. A saint is one who has been _____ by the grace of God. In its most basic sense, the term "saint" refers to all _____. Saint is normally used to refer to those who the Church has _____, honored with the title "saint," and declared worthy of _____.
3. What does it mean to say that saints have practiced a heroic virtue?
4. True or False? We believe that some things that are good come to us from God.
5. Who does the communion of saints include?
6. In the Old Testament, to call someone "holy" was to say that he or she had been "_____" and set apart for a special and _____.
7. As someone who is holy, what does a saint recognize and accept from God?
8. Saints are people who live _____, that is, people who are true to _____ as God has _____ them to be.

The Communion of Saints

Read pages 262-264.

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column.

1. A name for the end times.	a. death
2. The time between decisive in-breaking of the kingdom	b. faithful

of God in Jesus and the perfection of history in the second coming.	
3. The unity of the Church on earth is a sign of hope and seed of ____ for the earth.	c. prayers
4. We believe that the prayers of the ____ do make a difference as they are most frequently used by God as channels of divine grace.	d. Jesus
5. Catholics believe in a Church which cannot be divided by ____	e. second coming
6. Our relationship with the saints in heaven is a testimony to our belief in the power of the ____	f. eschaton
7. “the study of the last things”	g. peace
8. The only mediator between God the Father and humanity	h. resurrection
9. Our _____ help those who have died and their _____ can help us.	i. eschatology
10. The time when the kingdom of God will be fully realized	j. in between time

11. What are the last things?

Saints: The Benefits of Virtue

Read pages 265-266.

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column. You may use a letter more than once.

1. something believed to be particularly important	a. Doctor of the Church
2. a habitual disposition to do good	b. Father of the Church
3. Characterized by holiness of life, orthodoxy of doctrine, approval of the Church, and antiquities. Period ended in 7th century	c. virtue
4. Title officially conferred upon a saint by the pope or by a general council declaring that person to have been particularly holy, wise, and learned, and therefore a source of sound theological teaching for the Church	d. value
5. examples include faith, hope, love, temperance, fortitude and prudence	
6. Attitudes and habits which lead a person to do what God desires.	
7. A title for writers of the early Church who had a major impact on the development of Christian theology and doctrine.	

Mary: The Model Saint

Read pages 267-268.

1. As the Church is the communion of saints, ___ is the model saint. Therefore she is the model for the _____
2. True or False? Mary is the disciple *par excellence*.
3. How did Mary show her complete commitment to God in the way she lived?
4. True or False? Mary remained faithful to Jesus up until his death.
5. What must be at the heart of all true faith?
6. All Christians are called to follow Christ to the ___ as Mary did. We are to stand with her and let go of _____ so that we can completely feel the _____ and emptiness which Christ _____
7. Define redemption.
8. True or False? Mary was the first person to share in the work of redemption.

Mary as a Sign of God's Presence

Read pages 269-271.

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column.

1. Mary is a ___ because she is the symbol and instrument of God's presence with humanity.	a. type
2. The dogma which states that Mary was free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception.	b. Incarnation
3. The Second Vatican Council called Mary "a__ of the Church in the order of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ."	c. Assumption of Mary
4. "mediator"	d. Christ
5. When we cooperate with the ___ within us, we too will be transformed into effective images of Christ.	e. mediatrix
6. All that Mary does is because of _____	f. sacrament
7. In the ___, Christ and Mary are indissolubly linked. They are united by blood.	g. Holy Spirit
8. Dogma which states that the body of Mary was taken directly to heaven after her death.	h. Immaculate Conception

Mary is the Mother of the Church
In Conclusion

Read pages 272-273.

1. What is Mary's responsibility as the Mother of the Church?
2. Who represents the infant Church?
3. The Church is called a "Mother" because the Church follows Mary's _____ . The Church receives the _____ in faith and then brings forth _____ who are conceived and born of the _____
4. True or False? Only Catholics need someone who is a good example for virtuous living.
5. The Catholic Church offers its saints as _____ who can help us respond to the _____ which face us and models who can help us to live more _____
6. What is the general theme of all the saints? What should we do to imitate them?
7. True or False? The saints in heaven are no longer living members of the Church.
8. The saints in heaven offer us the _____ and _____ we need to accept that _____ and become truly _____
9. In what is Mary's faith expressed most clearly?
10. As Pope Paul VI stressed in his _____ exhortation *Marialis Cultis*, Mary is not a _____ and _____ woman, but a _____ and _____ woman who is willing to risk everything because she _____ and _____ God.