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Handout 1-A

## **Quotes from Chapter 1, Introduction**

Read over these quotes, and identify two or three that strike, interest, or challenge you. Then briefly explain why you have selected the quotes that you have, writing your explanation on the back of the page.

“You get hints of being made for more when you are left disappointed by the things of this world.”

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God” (CCC, 27).

“You were created for communion with God. Nothing else in this world will satisfy you completely; it is in him alone that you will have total fulfillment.”

“And the psalmist extolled that ‘the heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the work of his hands’ (Ps 19:2).”

“The world is such a gift that it must come from a giver.”

“God embodies all that is good, true, and beautiful, and so all that he creates is beautiful and good.”

“All that you see and know—including everyday sights like trees, animals, stars, and human beings—actually exists; yet nothing that exists can account for its own existence.”

“Nothing comes from nothing, but all can come to be from the God who is.”

“Since your desires are infinite, there must be one who is infinite to meet these desires.”

“As a human being, you have abilities and attributes that do not come from the material world.”

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## Matching for Chapter 1, Section 1

Choose the letter of the word or words that best complete the sentences below. The word bank words can be used more than once, but every word in the word bank matches at least one sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. You can by reason discern that \_\_\_\_\_ exists from within the natural order.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is an eternal communion of life and love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ began after the first man and woman were expelled from the garden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains God's Revelation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The gift of God's self-communication by which he makes known the mystery of his divine plan to all people is called Divine \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ caused humans to struggle with concupiscence and called them to a "spiritual battle."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. God calls all people to live in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed the perfect communion God had intended for people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The Holy Spirit helps believers to understand, appreciate, and accept the faith that is transmitted through \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The \_\_\_\_\_ preserves the Deposit of Faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Through a series of covenants, God offered human beings, throughout \_\_\_\_\_, a chance not only to know him, but to know him better.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. God made a \_\_\_\_\_ with the Israelites through Moses at Mount Sinai.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ is the written record of Revelation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. The literal translation of \_\_\_\_\_ is "unveiling."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Out of his infinite love and goodness, \_\_\_\_\_ freely chose to reveal himself and give himself to human beings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Through these \_\_\_\_\_s (plural), God offered the promise of redemption.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_ is the living transmission, or "handing on," of the Church's Gospel message.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. God made a \_\_\_\_\_ with Abraham, whom God called to leave the land of his ancestors for a new land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the teaching authority of the Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. \_\_\_\_\_ revealed that he is a Trinity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. With the death of the last Apostle, public \_\_\_\_\_ ended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a central truth of Revelation that Catholics are obliged to believe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence.

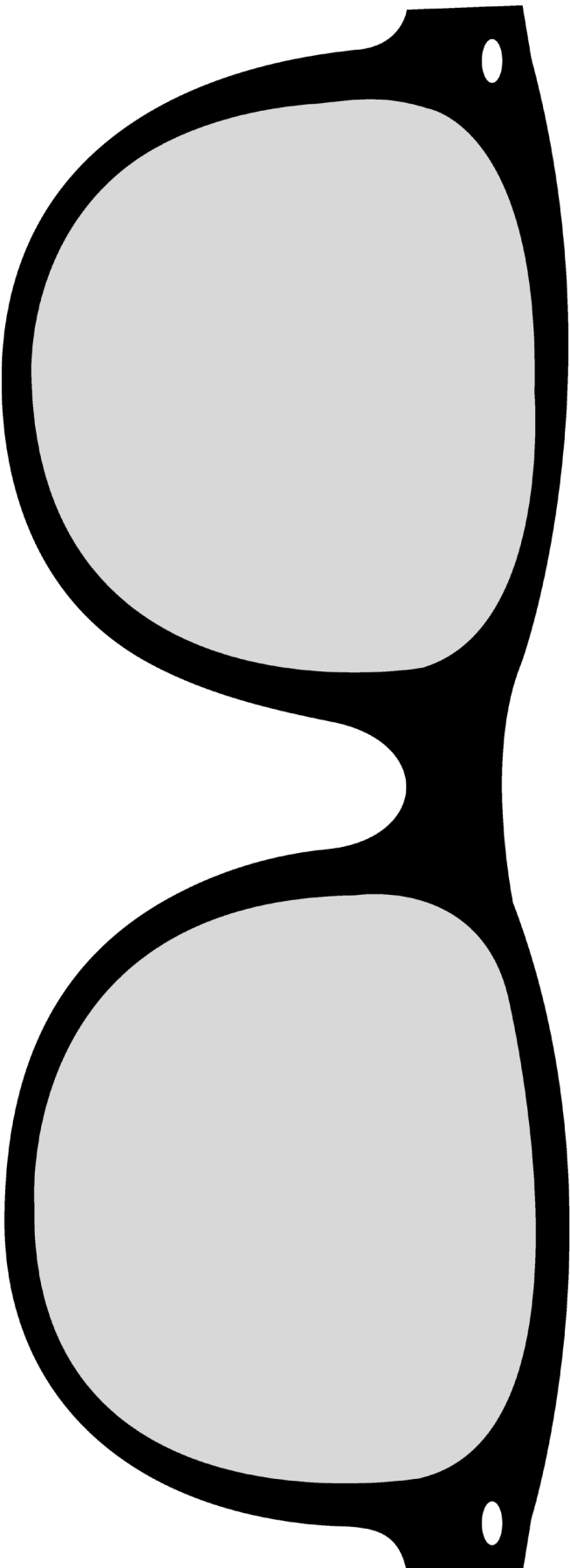
A. covenant  
B. Magisterium  
C. Original Sin  
D. Sacred Tradition  
E. dogma  
F. Sacred Scripture  
G. Deposit of Faith  
H. Revelation  
I. God  
J. salvation history  
K. Blessed Trinity

## The Paschal Mystery Lens

In each lens, write about how the following situations can be understood in a regular view of the world and a Paschal Mystery world-view. Seeing through the Paschal Mystery lens means having a belief that God can bring good out of challenging situations. Sometimes, it is easier to see this good after a period of time.

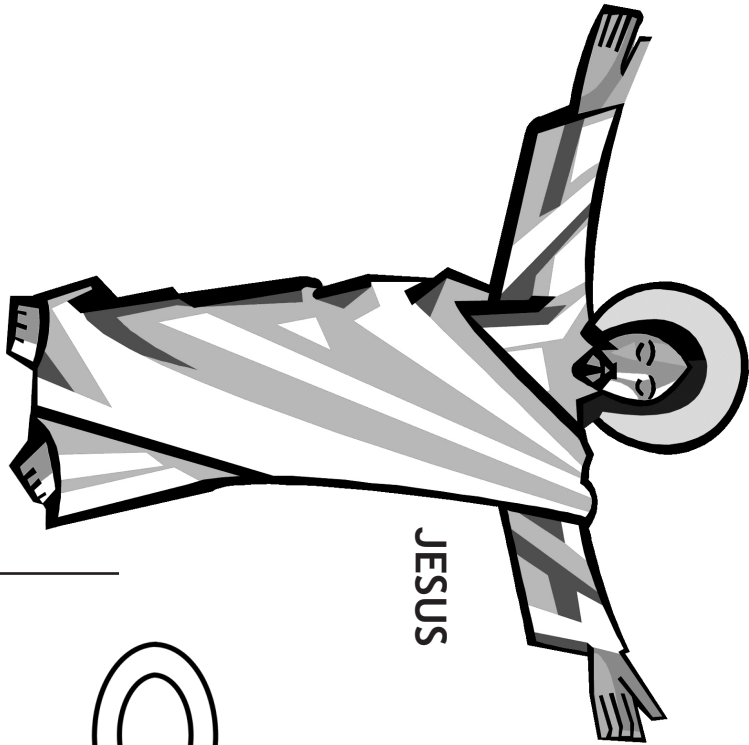
### Regular View

### Paschal Mystery View

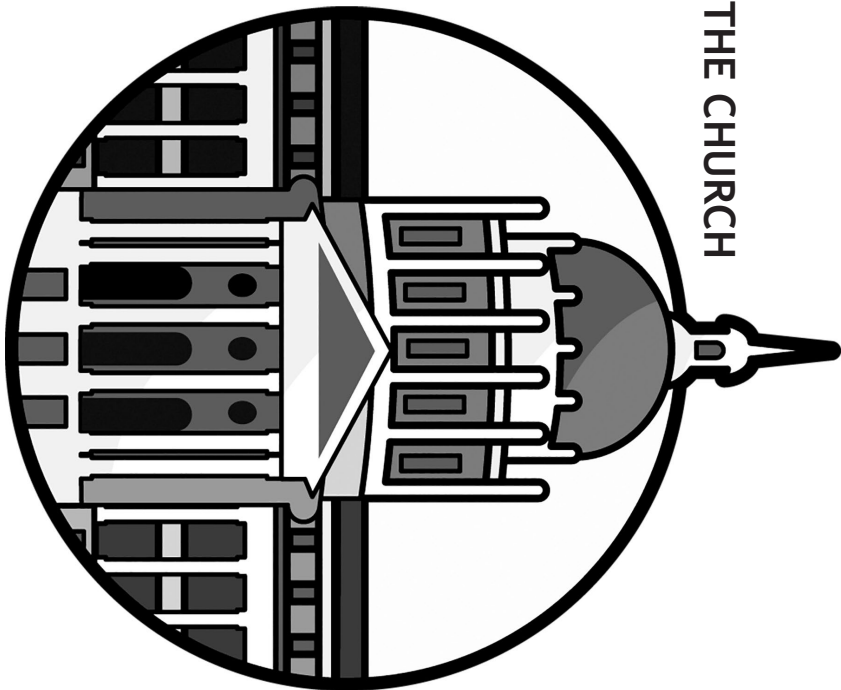


- A senior is not accepted at her first-choice college.
- A junior in a Catholic high school is caught plagiarizing a paper.
- An elementary school child receives a cancer diagnosis.
- A married couple finds out that the baby the wife is carrying may live only hours after birth because of a genetic anomaly.

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Handout 1-E

## Case Studies to Consider in Light of the Four Marks of the Church

Consider these scenarios in light of the marks of the Church (see pages 24–25 in your textbook) and life in a Catholic parish. Plan to share your responses with your classmates.

1. There is a significant disagreement over the style of worship at your parish. One group thinks that worship should be just as it always has been; the other believes that worship should be modernized to attract people who do not come to church. What do you think?

2. The majority of people in the parish believe that a new building project is necessary; however, a significant minority feels that the Church should use its money to help the poor. What do you think?

3. The parish youth group is organizing several sports teams. Youth have to try out for the teams, and some youth may be cut from them. There are many in the parish who believe that Church-sponsored groups should be open to everyone who wants to join them. There is a loud call for developing rules to govern the formation of every new group within the Church. What do you think?

4. There are three very distinct cultural groups at your parish. There is a strong push for three distinct worship services and for separate organizational structures to respond to the needs of each group. What do you think?

5. There is no standard pattern of sitting, standing, and kneeling at your parish for worship. It has become the practice for everyone to do whatever he or she wants and is most comfortable with. Some people are complaining that the lack of unity distracts them from worship. What do you think?

6. There are several new Bible study groups being started in your parish. Some feel that anyone who wishes to start a Bible study group should be able to do so and advertise it in the bulletin. Others feel that only those Bible studies that meet certain criteria and are led by certain people should be allowed to meet under the auspices of the church. What do you think?

7. Your parish has been assisting at a local soup kitchen for many years. The use of the soup kitchen has grown tremendously, and the space it is in is no longer adequate. Your parish has been approached to see if it would be possible to open the parish hall two days a week for use as a soup kitchen. The parish is divided between those who feel it would be sinful to refuse and those who feel that opening a soup kitchen in the church would bring in an undesirable element into the neighborhood, making the neighborhood less safe and unfairly reducing the property values for those people (primarily parishioners) who have invested their lives in this neighborhood. What do you think?

8. Your parish is divided over what standards should exist for those who teach religious education or serve as sponsors, lectors, or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Some feel that any baptized Catholic who is committed enough to go through the training and do the job should be accepted. Others feel that only those of impeccable moral character should be accepted. What do you think?