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The Church: Our Story

Directed Reading Worksheet

Unit 2 The Church Is Mystery

2.1 Enduring and Developing

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.

What's Really Catholic?

Read pages 38-40.

1. True or False? The Catholic youth minister at St. Pius parish believed that Father Kelly had the right idea of what the Church should be and Father Dave had it wrong.
2. The Magisterium is made up of the _____, acting in unison with the pope. It is the _____ of the Church.
3. How did Father Kelly and Father Dave's understanding of Church differ?

Why the Church Is a Mystery

Read pages 40-42.

1. True or False? The Church is a mystery of faith that can be fully expressed from any single viewpoint.
2. Why can the nature of the Church never be grasped by the power of reason alone?
3. Within the Church is the human and _____, the divine and _____, the visible and _____, and the invisible and _____.
4. Through the _____, the Kingdom of God broke into human history.
5. True or False? No one on earth will experience the kingdom fully until Jesus' second coming.
6. Why do we say that the Church is the focal point of the kingdom's presence?
7. How does the Holy Spirit reveal God to us?

8. The kingdom of God is the reign or _____. It has begun with the _____ . It will exist in its perform form at _____
9. What does RCIA stand for?
10. True or False? Mystagogia is the name given to the period prior to the Baptism of adults.

The Church Is the Culmination of Salvation History

Read pages 43-44.

1. Salvation history is the story of _____
 - a. It refers to the events through which God makes humanity aware of and brings humanity into the _____
 - b. It begins with the _____
 - c. It will end with the _____
2. True or False? God never intended human beings to share in divine life.
3. In the Church how are we invited to relate to the Father?
4. True or False? All people are invited by God to use their own talents and efforts to perfect and complete the work of creation.
5. Describe what a covenant is.
6. When was the Holy Spirit given to the Church so that it could continue the work of Christ?
7. What does it mean to say that God remains incarnate in history in the Church?
8. True or False? The Church is the sacrament of salvation.

The Church Is Necessary for Salvation

Read pages 45-46.

1. What does the Church mean when it says that the Church is necessary for salvation?

2. Salvation is the true, complete and permanent _____ and with one another.
 - a. It is the end goal of _____ .

 - b. It refers to the fulfillment of the human desire for _____ .

 - c. It is made possible by Christ's _____ .

3. True or False? Not everyone who recognizes that the Church is the body of Christ is called to be a part of the Church.

4. What does it mean to say that the Church is the sign and instrument of God's love for humanity?

The Church Is the Bride of Christ

Read pages 46-47.

1. The image of Christ as the _____ and the Church as the _____ was prepared by the Old Testament prophets and announced by _____ .

2. Explain what Paul means when he talks about the relationship between Christ and the Church by using the passage from Genesis which speaks of a husband and wife becoming one flesh.

3. True or False? In order to be Christ's body on earth, the Church must make Jesus' will its own.

The Church Is Unchanging yet Developing

The Church Has a Permanent Constitution

Read pages 47-51.

1. What does it mean to say that Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is the absolute self-communication of God to humanity?

2. The role of the Church as the body of Christ guided by the Holy Spirit is to continue to _____ and to lead all people to unity with _____
3. True or False? It is not the task of the Church to interpret what is going on in today's world in light of the gospel.
4. a. What does the word *apostle* mean?
b. Who is the name used for?
5. What are the three things within the Church which cannot and will not change/
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. Regarding the permanent constitution of the Church, we are speaking about those elements in the Church's structure which were _____. It includes the presence of the _____
7. True or False? The Church's structure is not essential to its identity.
8. In what sense did Jesus establish the basic structure for the Church by choosing twelve Apostles from among his many followers?
9. When Jesus commissioned the Apostles he also promises that he would _____, he would guide them in _____.
10. The bishops in union with the pope and with priests as their coworkers have the responsibility of carrying on the teaching role of the Apostles.
 - a. They are called to protect _____
 - b. They are committed to passing on _____

c. They can and must interpret that truth in light of

d. But they are not free to change or contradict _____

11. True or False? The cardinals of the world are often referred to as the “college of bishops.”

12. What is the word that literally means “overseer”.

13. True or False? The Pope is the bishop of Rome.

14. a. What must a Catholic do when facing a situation in which following the teaching of the Church seems particularly difficult?

b. What must they admit when they disagree with the Magisterium?

The Church Has a Permanent Ethic

The Church Has a Permanent Body of Dogma

Read pages 51-55.

1. True or False? We do not have the freedom to choose between right and wrong.

2. What does it mean to say that fundamental to Catholicism is the belief that God is unchanging?

3. The permanent ethic of the Church refers to those _____ which are essential corollaries of the Church’s understanding of _____ revealed in _____

4. True or False? Certain moral teachings are essential formulations for our understanding of the God who was revealed in Jesus.

5. What did Christ reveal in choosing to become human, to be born and to die?

6. Because in our sexuality we are offered the role of co-creators with God, we believe that our sexuality is _____. The way we use our sexuality shapes _____. The Church has a responsibility for teaching and encouraging people to use their sexuality in a way that is _____.
7. True or False? It is impossible to be a Catholic and to reject the permanent ethic of the Church.
8. It is the responsibility of the _____ to give voice to the permanent ethic of the church. Every _____ is responsible for learning and _____ this ethic.
9. What is the hierarchy?
10. Permanent dogma are those _____ which were revealed by _____ and are so essential to Christian faith that their essence can _____.
11. True or False? All truth comes from God.
12. What happens if a Catholic fails to accept and live in accordance with the truths revealed by God?
13. It is the task of the magisterium to study the _____ which have been handed down to us through the ages, and to _____ those truths for the present _____. In carrying out this task the magisterium speaks with one voice which _____.