

# **7. THE CHURCH FACES A MORE HOSTILE WORLD**



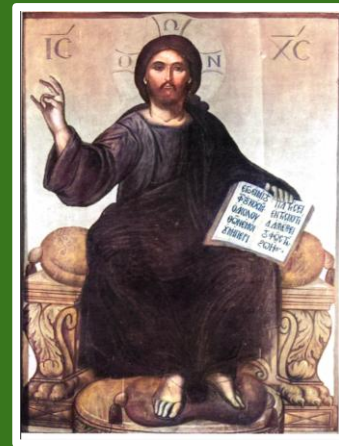
# Three Ways the Church is Unchanging



**Apostolic  
Structure**



**Moral Teachings**



**Absolute Truths  
Called Dogma**

# A Pilgrim People

- Like pilgrims, Catholics are on a journey, on their way to a destination at which they have not yet arrived.
- The Church is striving toward perfection, toward deeper communion with God through Christ.



# *The social dimension of the Gospel*

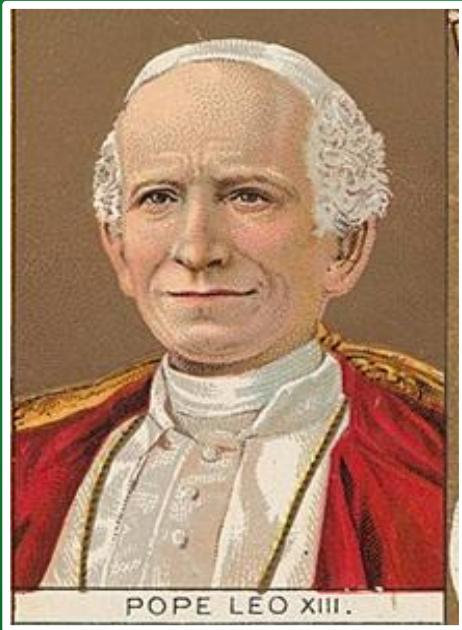
“The Gospel encountered modern industrial society with its new structures for the production of consumer goods, its new concept of society, the state and authority, and its new forms of labor and ownership.”

-CCC 2421



# Rerum Novarum

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Vocab



A 1891 encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII emphasising the basic economic principles of Christianity: the right of property ownership, the duty to provide for the common good and to use that property for the benefit of others, a fair wage, and charity toward the poor.

# Mater et Magistra

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A 1961 encyclical written by Pope John XXIII emphasising the role of the Church in our times as both a mother and a teacher. The Church is our mother, nurturing us as we grow and mature in our faith. She teaches us truth which illumines our pilgrim journey on earth.

# Ecumenism

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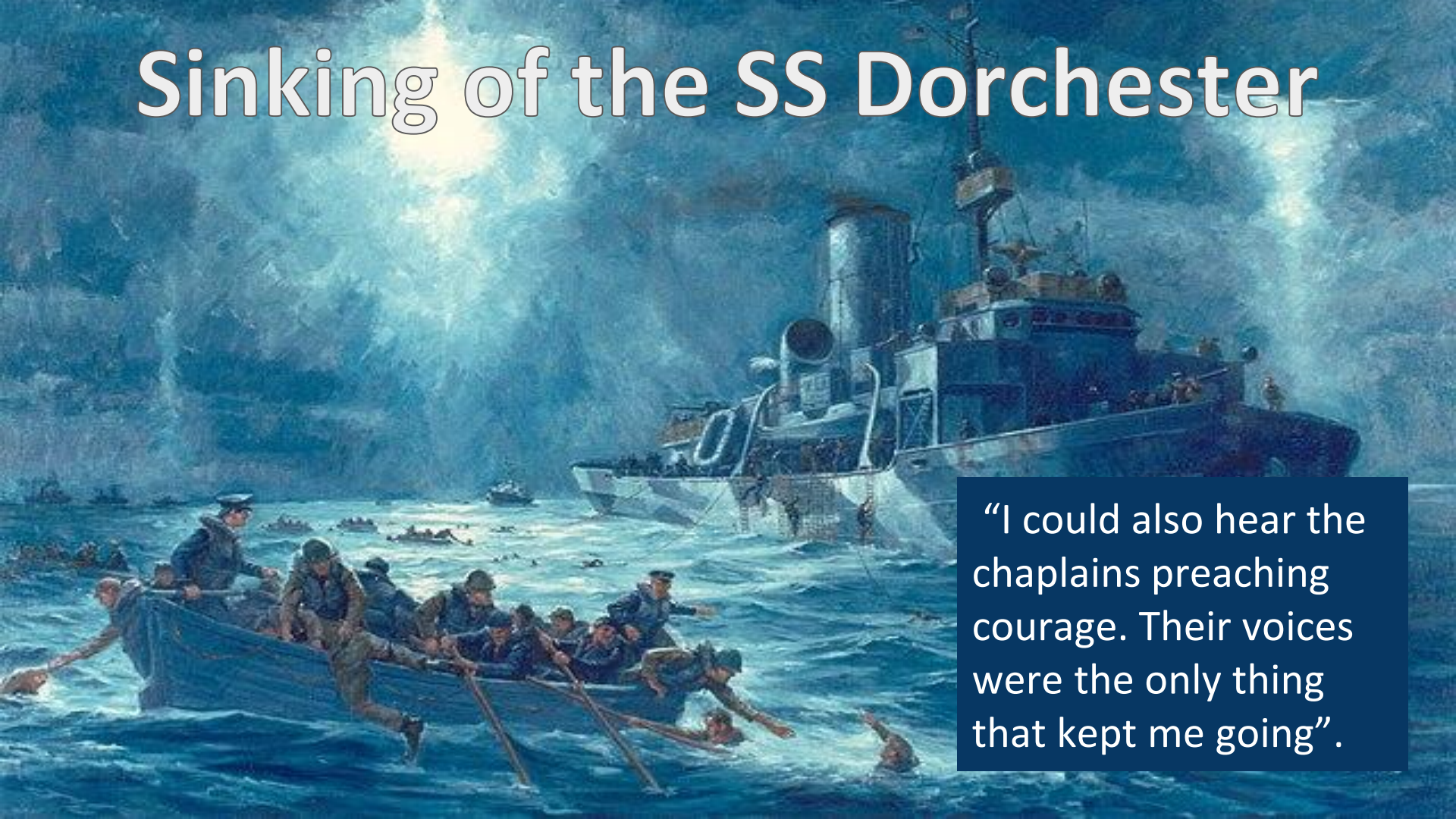


From the Greek word “oikoumene,” meaning “the whole inhabited world,” is the promotion of dialogue, cooperation and unity among Christians.

# Working Toward Unity

- Ecumenical efforts of both Protestants and Catholics have yielded some success. Healing to the wounds that began at the time of the Reformation.
- Interreligious dialogue also increased in the twentieth century, beginning with the Jews, who are our ancestors of faith.
- The work of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue has sometimes begun with making and accepting apologies.
- It is the task of all Catholics to strive to improve unity with other Christians.

# Sinking of the SS Dorchester



“I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going”.

# Turn and Talk

What do you think God thought about the heroism and unity of the religious leaders of the SS Dorchester? Explain.



# Totalitarian

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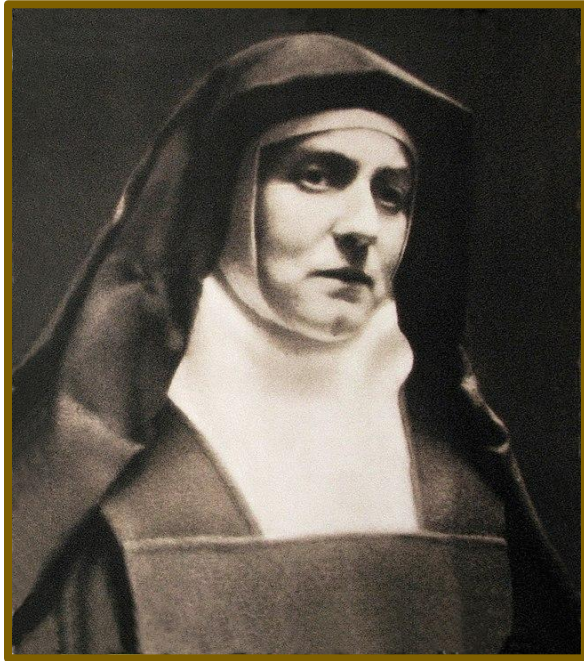
A term to describe a government with total control by an authoritarian leader or party. Under totalitarianism, Catholics were frequently persecuted, and the Church struggled to survive and continue her mission.

# The Church and Totalitarianism

Political authorities are required to respect the fundamental rights of the human person. One of the most fundamental rights is freedom, and in particular religious freedom.



# Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



**“When we are united with the Lord, we are members of the Mystical Body of Christ: Christ lives on in his members and continues to suffer in them. And the suffering borne in union with the Lord is his suffering, incorporated in the great work of salvation and fruitful therein.”**

**-St. Edith Stein**

# Memorize It

Key  
Verse



**“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.” -Col 1:24**

## In the Domestic Church which is the family...

- We learn the meaning of love
- We learn to want the good of another
- We learn how to place ourselves at the service of others and thereby find meaning in our own lives
- We learn how to put God at the center of our existence



## ***Pope Paul VI's Predictions on the Sexual Revolution***

- There will be an increase in marital infidelity.
- There will be a general lowering of moral standards.
- There will be a loss of respect for women.
- There will be coercive attacks, supported by the government, on the human body.

