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**The Church: Our Story**

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Directed Reading Worksheet  
Unit 4 The Church Is Teacher  
4.2 The Good News Proclaimed

**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.

**Good Evangelization**

*Read pages 152-153.*

1. Put simply, evangelization is the sharing of what? \_\_\_\_\_ It involves proclaiming the gospel in such a way that people's \_\_\_\_\_ and lives are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gospel refers to the Good \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. How many Gospels are there? \_\_\_\_\_. They tell the story of Jesus and his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: If a person has been given faith and throws all that away, they would be rejecting God.
4. What is the "true evangelization" that Elizabeth did for Lee?

**How the Good News Was First Shared**

*Read page 154*

1. Where was the Gospel initially shared?
2. Where was Christianity initially shared with Gentiles?
3. True or False: One of the most common objections to Christianity within Roman society was that it was a religion of the upper class and of the educated.
4. What was the witness of the martyrs that enabled Christianity greater acceptance?

## **The Witness of Widows and Virgins**

*Read page 155*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: A widow without support would ordinarily have been forced to remarry or to depend upon her children.
2. What did the word “widow” come to refer to in the Church?
3. Widows and \_\_\_\_\_ were responsible for much of the pastoral \_\_\_\_\_ of other women.
4. Ancient documents make it clear that those women who choose celibacy, \_\_\_\_\_ and a life of \_\_\_\_\_ in response to the Gospel were regarded as \_\_\_\_\_ in the early Church.

## **The Desert Fathers**

### **Communal Monasticism**

*Read pages 156-157.*

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### **Matching**

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| a. Monasticism            | b. Saint Anthony of Egypt |
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Best illustrates the nature of monasticism and the way that it shaped Christianity.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ THIS replaced solitary monasticism as the number of people in the desert grew
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians of about the fourth century who chose to live an ascetic life of prayer, fasting, and abstinence.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ A style of Christian life which stresses communal living and communal worship along with private prayer, silence, poverty, chastity and obedience.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Desert Fathers did not choose the desert because they wanted to live a difficult life. Why did they choose it?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Although Anthony longed for solitude, he was constantly sought by others who wanted to know God even as Anthony did. What did the people beg Anthony to teach them?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Pachomius’ first attempt at forming a community of monks failed because the monks refused to care for one another. When he later tried to start another community, what did he expect the monks to give up? To promise? What was the most basic rule of the community?

## **The Conversion of the Barbarians**

### **Western Monasticism**

Read page 159 and pages 160-161.

1. \_\_\_\_ True/False: Most of the conversions of barbarians had to do with a legitimate faith experience, no conversions were primarily a means of establishing political stability.
2. What did the Visigoth King Recared realize when he defeated the Romans and moved into Spain? What did King Recared do in AD 589?
3. The majority of the Franks accepted \_\_\_\_\_ shortly after their leader \_\_\_\_\_ was converted to Christianity.
4. Define *ascetism*.
5. What do Christian ascetics imitate and why?
6. \_\_\_\_ True/False: Saint Benedict of Nursia was the person most influential to western monasticism.
7. What is the name of the monastery that became the cradle of Western monasticism?
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9. \_\_\_\_ True/False: Benedict's brother, Scholastica, joined his brother in Monte Cassino and founded another monastic community for men.
10. Benedict's most significant contribution to the \_\_\_\_\_ and to the life of the Church in general was in the establishment of his \_\_\_\_\_, which was based on strict \_\_\_\_\_ without unnecessary harshness.
11. What was at the heart of Benedict's rule?
12. What are the Liturgy of the Hours? What are they also known as? What does it utilize? When are they prayed?

13. Who is required by canon law to pray the Divine Office?

14. What is the second pillar of Benedict's Rule? Every member of the community had to take a turn at WHAT?

### Two Mendicant Orders

*Read pages 162-164.*

*Match the term in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.*

1. _____mendicant	a. The universal moral law which God has given to all people and which can be known by the power of reason alone.
2. _____Saint Francis of Assisi	b. Were different from other mendicant orders because of the teaching aspect of their ministry was the focus.
3. _____Dominicans	c. "Begging"
4. _____Natural Law	d. Saint Francis told his parents that he had married to most beautiful lady in the world. Who is this lady?
5. _____Saint Thomas Aquinas	a. One of the most popular saints of all-time, the founder of the first mendicant order.
6. _____poverty	b. The Church's greatest theologian was a Dominican.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: Saint Dominic founded a new order because he was disturbed by the use of force to convert the Albigensians in southern France.

### Christianity in the New World

*Read pages 164-167*

1. What did the right of "royal patronage" given by Popes Alexander VI and Julius II give the kings of Spain? What effect did this have on the bishops in the Americas?
2. Who is one of the best known Jesuit missionaries who taught European agricultural methods and the basics of Christianity to the natives?
3. What is the reason that the worst enemies of the mission villages were the Spanish and Portuguese colonists?

4. The primary aim of both the Jesuit and the Franciscan missionaries was to establish permanent native \_\_\_\_\_ with European organizational structures. The missionaries established schools, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They taught basic Christianity along with European \_\_\_\_\_, trades, and domestic \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What did the French missionaries of the northeastern United States and Canada quickly realize was necessary to influence the Huron tribes?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: To some extent, the Jesuits not only accepted Huron culture and lifestyle, they also accepted the rituals of the Huron religion.

### **The Growth of Catholicism in the U.S.**

*Read pages 168-170.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: Many left Britain because they had been persecuted for their faith and longed for a place where others could worship equally freely. The results is that there was no anti-Catholic bias.
2. In 1649 the \_\_\_\_\_ colony—founded by \_\_\_\_\_— passed the Act of \_\_\_\_\_ granting freedom of \_\_\_\_\_ to all people.
3. Who are two Catholics who influenced people because they did not separate their Catholic faith from the rest of what they did?
4. \_\_\_\_\_, the first bishop of Maryland and the United States worked to convince everyone that it was \_\_\_\_\_ for Catholics to be loyal \_\_\_\_\_ even while maintaining allegiance to the pope.
5. Archbishop Carroll believed that if the Catholic Church was going to flourish in America there would be need for what?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False: Although the United States Constitution did not designate a “national” Church and although Catholics and Protestants shared the same basic rights, Catholics continued to dominate both the political scene and the educational scene.

7. What did the 1829 Plenary Council of Baltimore state was “absolutely necessary” for Catholic schools?
8. What event is considered to mark when the last traces of blatant anti-Catholic bias in national politics were overcome?

### **In Conclusion**

*Read pages 171-172.*

1. Evangelization is the sharing of the \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way that it touches peoples \_\_\_\_\_ and inspires them to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ True/False? Missions in South America, Mexico and the southwestern United States did not provide places where native people could be safe from colonists.