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***Jesus and the Church***

Directed Reading Worksheet

*Chapter 5: The Church is Apostolic*

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**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

***Introduction: Preserving and Sharing (pages 183-184)***

1. Why is the Church apostolic? What is the reason for her existence?
2. True or False? It is the catholic nature of the Church that helps her to remember and preserve all she has been taught all the way back to the Apostles and to Jesus himself.
3. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Church remains faithful to her apostolic nature in three ways. List these below.
  - (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
4. Every \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church has a responsibility to model the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church by sharing the Gospel and expressing the Church's \_\_\_\_\_. The apostolic nature of the \_\_\_\_\_ allows the teachings of the pope and \_\_\_\_\_ to direct all Catholics despite the \_\_\_\_\_ or preferences of individuals.

***Section 1: Remembering Who We Are (pages 185-189)***

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is essential to our identity and is so important to knowing and \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. Similarly, the Church would be \_\_\_\_\_ without her memory. One of the terms used for memory in the Septuagint is \_\_\_\_\_, a word that means "\_\_\_\_\_."
6. True or False? To be a member of the Catholic Church is to acknowledge the authority of a sacred communal memory that gives you a part in her identity.
7. The Church's \_\_\_\_\_—the pope and bishops—are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles who were commissioned by Christ himself to \_\_\_\_\_ the Church's sacred memories. The \_\_\_\_\_ memory that is kept alive in the Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word and actions: God's \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Explain what God revealed these ancestors of our Faith:

- Adam and Eve –
- Noah –
- Abraham –

9. Briefly note the meaning of each of these terms:

- Private revelation –
- Apparitions –
- Locutions –

10. True or False? The Magisterium of the Church at times recognizes private revelations as authentic and all Catholics are required to believe them because they are part of the Church's Deposit of Faith.

11. God's Revelation became not just a \_\_\_\_\_ from God, but the definitive \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Jesus, the Christ. The Gospel of John announces that: "\_\_\_\_\_ was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_." This passage expresses the conviction that the same Word of God that was active in \_\_\_\_\_ and present in the \_\_\_\_\_ and prophets has entered definitively and completely into the \_\_\_\_\_.

12. In whom did God reveal himself most fully?

13. True or False? Jesus Christ is the completion of God's Revelation, and everything you need to know about Salvation and sanctification is available in him.

14. Though \_\_\_\_\_ is complete, it has not been made completely \_\_\_\_\_, and it remains for Christian faith to gradually grasp its \_\_\_\_\_. The preservation and \_\_\_\_\_ of this sacred memory of God's Revelation in Christ was given over to the \_\_\_\_\_, and they fulfilled their mission by \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News both orally and in \_\_\_\_\_ form.

15. What is the Apostolic Tradition?

*Section 2: How the Church's Memory Is Preserved (pages 190-193)*

16. In what two ways was the Gospel handed down?
17. Define these terms:
- Sacred Scripture –
  - Sacred Tradition –
18. Scripture contains the \_\_\_\_\_ God intends to be shared, and everything asserted by the \_\_\_\_\_ authors must be held to be asserted by the \_\_\_\_\_. The Old Testament is the inspired written testimony of the people of \_\_\_\_\_ while the New Testament preserves the memory of the \_\_\_\_\_ and those close to them, including what Christ revealed about God and his plan for \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The Church teaches that Sacred Scripture must always be \_\_\_\_\_ because, while it is inerrant, it is the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ in human words and written by human \_\_\_\_\_, shaped by human circumstances and \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, in order to understand Scripture, the Church considers how Scripture was intended for its \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Briefly explain the three ways to read Scripture according to *Dei Verbum*.
- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
21. There are two main ways for looking at and \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture. The \_\_\_\_\_ sense of Scripture refers to the literal \_\_\_\_\_ conveyed by the words themselves at the time—how things actually \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ sense refers not to the words themselves but rather what is \_\_\_\_\_ by the words.
22. Define the canon of Scripture.
23. From generation to generation the Church has \_\_\_\_\_ both the written account of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and her own \_\_\_\_\_ of that Revelation. The Church's \_\_\_\_\_ is all of the ways in which the Church has \_\_\_\_\_ her understanding of what God has revealed to us.

24. What are examples of Sacred Tradition?
25. True or False? All Catholics help to pass on Tradition.
26. Sacred Tradition is the \_\_\_\_\_ teaching of the pope and bishops that \_\_\_\_\_ and proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ teaching of the Church. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Apostles to interpret God's Word, which is contained in both Scripture and \_\_\_\_\_, an authority that extends to the pope and bishops in \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
27. True or False? The term *Magisterium* comes from the Latin word for "authority," and it applies to both Sacred Scripture and tradition.

**Section 3: How the Church's Memory Is Shared (pages 194-202)**

28. The Magisterium teaches with the authority of \_\_\_\_\_ with the help of the \_\_\_\_\_, especially when it defines a \_\_\_\_\_. While there is no \_\_\_\_\_ list of Church dogma, the main teachings of the Church are contained in the Apostles' and the \_\_\_\_\_ creeds.
29. True or False? One's acceptance of the tenets of the Apostles' Creed and other Church dogma is essential to have a complete Faith and the deepest possible relationship with God.
30. What two things need to be remembered about Church dogma?
- (a)
- (b)
31. Dogma communicates God's \_\_\_\_\_ as revealed in Scripture and Tradition; it is a basic tenet of Catholicism that every dogmatic statement protects an \_\_\_\_\_. Dogmas are \_\_\_\_\_ teachings that can be shared in different \_\_\_\_\_ in different \_\_\_\_\_ because further study and \_\_\_\_\_ reflection can improve the way a teaching is \_\_\_\_\_.
32. True or False? Each time the Magisterium declares that a particular statement or concept is part of the Deposit of Faith, Catholics are obliged to accept that the assertion is true.
33. Explain the difference between infallibility and indefectibility.

34. When does the pope teach infallibly?
35. When the pope defines a doctrine of faith \_\_\_\_\_ he does so “ex cathedra”—“\_\_\_\_\_”—as the successor of St. \_\_\_\_\_. Such declarations are rare; the last infallible statement was made by Pope \_\_\_\_\_ in 1950 regarding the \_\_\_\_\_.
36. The case of \_\_\_\_\_ offers an understanding of the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and religious truth. It became clear that one could accept his teachings without \_\_\_\_\_ the centrality of Christ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Although the essence of the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_ has not changed, the way this dogma is expressed has changed \_\_\_\_\_.
37. From her origins the Church has held that \_\_\_\_\_ was always pure and \_\_\_\_\_. From at least the sixth century, the Church celebrated her \_\_\_\_\_ on September 8, which was a way of saying that she was \_\_\_\_\_ from her conception. \_\_\_\_\_ supports this belief as Mary was greeted by Gabriel as one who was “\_\_\_\_\_.”
38. True or False? Four years before Pope Pius IX’s infallible proclamation of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, Mary told St. Bernadette, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”
39. True or False? Catholic are obliged to believe and uphold Church dogma; to do otherwise is to commit heresy.
40. What was the prayer of the father whose son was possessed by a demon? Write it below.
41. The Holy Spirit has been described as the “\_\_\_\_\_.” When the Father speaks his definitive \_\_\_\_\_ of love into human history, the Word is borne by the \_\_\_\_\_. This mission of the Holy Spirit is as necessary for sharing \_\_\_\_\_ as your ability to breathe is to \_\_\_\_\_ with one another in words.
42. Explain how the essential role of the Holy Trinity provides deep insight into the meaning of Divine Revelation.
43. True or False? All of Church teaching has the status of dogma.
44. True or False? A doctrine is any belief that has the official approval of the Magisterium and all doctrine is based upon the Revelation of God in Jesus Christ which is expressed in dogma.

45. Explain the difference between definitive doctrine and authoritative doctrine.
46. True or False? Authoritative doctrines are taught authoritatively and infallibly with the assistance of the Holy Spirit.
47. Give examples of each of these types of doctrines:
- Definitive doctrine –
  - Authoritative doctrine –
48. What are two reasons why a Catholic may struggle with accepting a particular doctrine of the Church?
49. The Catholic Church is \_\_\_\_\_ by a set of laws and regulations intended to identify \_\_\_\_\_, practices, and norms for Catholics to assist them on their way to \_\_\_\_\_. These are called canon law. These laws are contained in the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and a faithful Catholic is to accept and obey canon law with \_\_\_\_\_ and openness to the grace that comes with \_\_\_\_\_.
50. Circle the statement below which is *not* one of the precepts of the Church,
- Confess sins at least once a year.
  - Help provide for the needs of the Church.
  - Receive the Eucharist at least during the Christmas season.
  - Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

***Section 4: Apostolicity and Church Leadership (pages 203-207)***

51. What are the three main tasks of the pope and bishops?
52. \_\_\_\_\_ are to be models of sanctification, or \_\_\_\_\_, for people. They help make the Church holy by their prayer and work, sharing the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, and by celebrating the sacraments with a special focus on the \_\_\_\_\_. They also govern the \_\_\_\_\_ assigned to them by their words and actions as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

53. The unique authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ as teachers is recorded throughout the New Testament and is witnessed in the \_\_\_\_\_. They ordained \_\_\_\_\_ from one generation to the next, and the bishops, in \_\_\_\_\_ with the pope, have preserved the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church through the \_\_\_\_\_ office.
54. The bishops, as \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles, are called “heralds of faith” and “\_\_\_\_\_” because they have been given the power to \_\_\_\_\_ all people to Faith and to \_\_\_\_\_ those who already possess a living Faith. They teach the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in its entirety so that all people can find \_\_\_\_\_ in him and in the Church.
55. Explain the purpose of the teaching of the bishops both for those with Faith and those without it.
56. A bishop teaches directly to the people of his own \_\_\_\_\_ through his priests. Further, he regularly visits \_\_\_\_\_ for special occasions as well as to minister the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_. He teaches by monitoring \_\_\_\_\_, and he may \_\_\_\_\_ articles in the local newspaper or appear in \_\_\_\_\_ done by the local media.
57. What is the USCCB and who comprises this group?
58. True or False? Guided by the Holy Spirit, the college of bishops, in union with the pope, exercises the gift of imperfection when teaching about or protecting Christ’s Revelation on matters of Faith or morals.
59. What is the goal of the Church’s apostolic ministry?