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***Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe***  
Directed Reading Guide  
Chapter 5, *Communion of Saints, Forgiveness of...*

**Directions:** Read carefully through Chapter 5 and then use the text as a reference to locate answers for the questions. All questions in this *Directed Reading Worksheet* are taken in sequential order from the chapter – first questions from the early sections of the chapter; last questions from the end of the chapter, etc. Answer **True or False** questions by circling the word True or False at the beginning of the question. **Fill-in-the-Blank** questions must often be answered with one than one word per blank. (Refer to your text often!) Write your own **Short Answers** for other questions.

**Page 120 Life Goal**

1. The single most important goal of life is to get to \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ and the salvation he has won for us, it is possible for this to happen with his help and the help of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What three interrelated topics deal with our eternal destiny?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the Church and we are the \_\_\_\_\_. When something good happens to one member, it is \_\_\_\_\_ and shared with the others. In God's \_\_\_\_\_, each person shares in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the other members. These ideas form the basis of the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Summarize the "holy things" that members of the Church share in common.
5. Explain the three groups of people who are united in the communion of saints.
6. The Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ of the communion of saints is an extension of the belief that the Church is a community of faith \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit at \_\_\_\_\_. All the members of the Church, including those \_\_\_\_\_ today as well as those who have \_\_\_\_\_, make up one big \_\_\_\_\_.
7. True or False. In God's family, the use of symbols and rituals is the supreme way to keep alive a relationship with our Christian brothers and sisters.
8. The early Church called itself a community of \_\_\_\_\_, which comes from a Latin word which means "\_\_\_\_\_." Every member of Christ's body has a call to \_\_\_\_\_ and Christ has given his \_\_\_\_\_ all the means necessary to attain holiness.
9. True or False. Catholics worship the saints and pray to the saints to petition God the Father, to be go-betweens on our behalf.
10. Mary, the \_\_\_\_\_, plays a special role in salvation history by saying "yes" to God's \_\_\_\_\_ to send his Son to accomplish salvation for mankind. She showed that she was willing to work with her Son from the very beginning in his \_\_\_\_\_. When Jesus became a public figure, Mary continued to \_\_\_\_\_ to him and support him, even in his suffering and death.
11. Explain the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

12. Explain the truth of the virginal conception of Jesus.

13. Explain the belief in Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

14. Explain the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary.

15. Praying to and \_\_\_\_\_ Mary increases our love for her and helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ her virtues, especially her life of total \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. Giving her special honor is not meant \_\_\_\_\_ as our one mediator. Her \_\_\_\_\_ role is to help us pay attention to Jesus, the unique \_\_\_\_\_.

16. True or False. Mary's role in the mystery of salvation draws attention not to her, but to her Son.

17. In the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help the Archangels \_\_\_\_\_ are holding the instruments of the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ as the Child Jesus grasps his Mother's \_\_\_\_\_. Her face expresses the \_\_\_\_\_ she feels about her Son's death. \_\_\_\_\_ attracts and points us to \_\_\_\_\_, her Son, our Lord and Savior.

### **Pages 127-130 *One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins***

18. \_\_\_\_\_ was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. He forgave the sins of the \_\_\_\_\_ man, and then proceeded to cure him. In doing so, Jesus revealed his \_\_\_\_\_ identity and the source of his power to forgive sins. His forgiveness for sinners even occurs at the height of his \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ forgave his \_\_\_\_\_.

19. Jesus instructed his \_\_\_\_\_ to continue to forgive sins in his name: "Receive the \_\_\_\_\_. Whose sins you \_\_\_\_\_ are forgiven them, and whose sins you \_\_\_\_\_ are retained."

20. What were Peter's words on Pentecost Sunday?

21. True or False. Reconciliation is the primary sacrament of forgiveness because it wipes away sin and unites us to Christ Jesus.

22. A major effect of Baptism is the complete forgiveness of both \_\_\_\_\_ and one's \_\_\_\_\_. Though Baptism does indeed forgive all sins, the graces of Baptism do not free the person from the \_\_\_\_\_ of human nature and the \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.

23. What are the effects of mortal sin?

24. Explain the difference between original sin and actual sin.
25. True or False. We are born into a sinful state and the entire human community bears the wounds of original sin.
26. What are examples of actual sin?
27. Explain the concept of venial sin.
28. What are vices? How are vices related to capital sins?
29. What is mortal sin? What three criteria make a sin mortal?

30. The Church teaches that \_\_\_\_\_ forgives grave sins through the sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_. Because Jesus knew our human \_\_\_\_\_ he gave us this sacrament. Penance is a “\_\_\_\_\_” in which the Church proclaims once again Christ’s forgiveness of the \_\_\_\_\_ sinner.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ is turning away from God and God’s family. Having \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins means that we are truly \_\_\_\_\_ for them. One sign of true contrition is that we have a sincere intention to \_\_\_\_\_ sin in the future. Second, we must avoid “\_\_\_\_\_” of sin which means we must avoid what we know cause us to sin. Finally, we need to repair any \_\_\_\_\_ our sins have caused.
32. True or False. When a repentant sinner approaches a priest in Penance, the priest reaches out to pronounce his forgiveness.

### **Pages 130-140 *The Last Things: Eschatology***

33. Jesus’ own \_\_\_\_\_ of death is a model for all of us. In the Garden of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ about his impending death. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus because faith reveals that Jesus Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ death. Death is an entrance into an \_\_\_\_\_ of union with the Triune God.
34. True or False. Our hope is that we will rise on the last day with Christ in his glory, but this can only occur if we die in union with him, so Christ warns us to be ready each day.
35. God created humans with a \_\_\_\_\_. God’s Son, the \_\_\_\_\_, took on a human body to redeem it. Furthermore, the \_\_\_\_\_ completes the creation and redemption of \_\_\_\_\_.
36. Describe the qualities of the resurrected body.
37. True or False. The beatific vision means seeing God in heaven.

38. Related to the resurrection of the body is our belief that God will \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what God has in store for us. This should encourage a great \_\_\_\_\_ for our own bodies and for those of others. Our human existence includes the possession of both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
39. Summarize four aspects of divine revelation that reincarnation contradicts.
40. A \_\_\_\_\_, or individual, judgment will determine whether we go to \_\_\_\_\_ immediately, need purification in \_\_\_\_\_, or must suffer the punishments of hell. If we live a \_\_\_\_\_ and loving life, we have nothing to fear when we die. God's judgment is based on whether we \_\_\_\_\_ and our neighbor as ourselves.
41. True or False. The letters "R.I.P" abbreviate a short prayer asking forgiveness for a deceased person's sins.
42. Catholic doctrine explains that there is an \_\_\_\_\_ which we will spend in heaven or hell. The reward of heaven is eternal life spent in \_\_\_\_\_ with God and all those who share in God's life. Hell is \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
43. If we use our \_\_\_\_\_ properly, then we will choose our own eternal \_\_\_\_\_ --- a joyous life with our loving, \_\_\_\_\_ God. If we decide to model ourselves those \_\_\_\_\_, unloving, selfish people, then God will \_\_\_\_\_ our decision. When who choose \_\_\_\_\_ over God, they have \_\_\_\_\_ hell.
44. True or False. In the legend of the man with two dreams, the major difference between heaven and hell was selfishness.
45. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ have given us access to heaven. There we will be fully \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ but will retain and find our true \_\_\_\_\_ identity. The pleasures of heaven are beyond human \_\_\_\_\_. St. Paul says that we cannot comprehend what God has \_\_\_\_\_ for those who love him.
46. What is *purgatory*?
47. To a degree, on our earthly \_\_\_\_\_ we can accomplish the process of \_\_\_\_\_. Purgatory involves both a joyful and painful \_\_\_\_\_ of letting go of sin. Those in purgatory are happy the Lord has promised them \_\_\_\_\_, but still need to leave behind their \_\_\_\_\_ before meeting the all-holy God.
48. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ might be one of "burning" with sorrow and \_\_\_\_\_ over a sinful life, and a profound wish to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the loving, good, saving God. When the purgation is complete, the \_\_\_\_\_ of those in purgatory will end and they will enter the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.
49. True or False. We can honor our relatives who have gone before us by praying for them and offering our good works and sacrifices on their behalf.

50. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ to commit mortal sin by refusing to love God by committing mortal sin, by refusing to love God, and dying without \_\_\_\_\_ of their lack of love, by their own \_\_\_\_\_ will forever separate themselves from God. The existence of hell is affirmed both in \_\_\_\_\_ and Tradition.
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ of hell flows from the belief that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God who made us truly \_\_\_\_\_. God \_\_\_\_\_ our freedom, even if we choose to reject God's love, grace, and mercy. God does not send us to hell, \_\_\_\_\_ does.
52. The events of the last day of human history are known as the \_\_\_\_\_ or general judgment. On that day, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the just and unjust will take place and the Risen \_\_\_\_\_ Lord will come again. Everyone will recognize God's \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus. On this day, God will \_\_\_\_\_ and restore the entire physical universe.
53. True or False. Despite the sinful forces at work in the world to undermine God's saving love, his loving grace is very much alive to help attract people to our Triune God.
54. What does the word "Amen" mean?
55. What are four ways of understanding the word "Amen?"
56. Catholic beliefs about the "\_\_\_\_\_ " assure us that God has the final word. The end in this life is but the \_\_\_\_\_ to an eternal life with the Lord. The doctrines of the four last things teach that everything we do, or fail to do, has \_\_\_\_\_.
57. What optimistic questions does St. Paul ask of death?