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The Church: Our Story

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Unit 6 The Church Is Servant

6.2 Responding to Those in Need

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.

Owning Our Own History

Read pages 238-239.

1. True or False? As Catholics, we believe that we are all one people connected to one another across both time and space.
2. Why do we claim and study the low points in Church history?
3. In October 1997, the French bishops issued a “Declaration of Repentance” to the Jewish community, acknowledging the lack of public statements by the French _____ during World War II against the _____ of some 40,000 Jews in French camps or against the _____ which became a part of virtually every French national _____

Wealth and Poverty

Read pages 240-244,

1. True or False? From its earliest beginnings, Christianity accepted the economic status quo.
2. Like Jesus, the _____ recognized no _____
3. The leaders in the early Church, particularly the _____, were expected to _____ for people, especially the _____ by meeting their immediate needs for _____ and _____
4. True or False? In the third and fourth centuries, Christians believed in and spoke of the imminent return of Christ.
5. Why were the educated and wealthy upper class who entered the Church not required to abandon their social positions?
6. When Constantine came to power a dichotomy began to appear: while many Christians were _____ to the _____ and advocating extreme

_____, the Church was being flooded by others who were very _____ and viewed Christianity as a way to protect their wealth.

7. Who was the third group that fell somewhere in between the two extremes of those who were wealthy and those who fled to the desert? What did they struggle to find?

8. How was the question of “how much personal wealth is too much?” answered by Christians?

9. True or False? Communal monasticism was developed by those who felt that the spirit of compromise between the Christian world and the secular world was weakening the core of the gospel message.

10. The Church came to accept a two-fold standard for dealing with the question of _____. It was understood that the “_____” response was the path of the _____ who had given up everything. The path of compromise was also acceptable. People were “_____” as long as they maintained a _____ from their wealth and as long as they shared their _____ possessions.

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column.

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| 11. During the Middle Ages, as the holdings of the Church grew, _____ came to be viewed as powerful patrons. | a. monasticism |
| 12. In the Middle Ages, Christians were expected to give _____ not in the hopes of permanently ending poverty but as an expression of love. | b. <i>Rerum Novarum</i> |
| 13. A way of life that came to be thought of as the best way to live the Christian life, where property and wealth were shared equally and the needs of the poor were served. <hr/> | c. structural changes |
| 14. With Industrial Revolution it became clear that many of the needs of the poor could only be addressed through _____, which would eliminate the perceived right of the rich to do whatever they pleased. | d. preferential option for the poor |
| 15. Pope Leo XIII’s 1891 encyclical that addressed the relationship between poor and wealth. <hr/> | e. adequate wages |

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| 16. The Church insists that the state has an _____ to protect the poor against exploitation. | f. encomiendas |
| 17. The principle to be followed in exercising Christian charity that says that God is particularly concerned with the needs of those who suffer the most and that the human community should be too. <hr/> | g. obligation |
| 18. The system in which a native person was “entrusted” to a settler to be “civilized” and taught the basics of Christian doctrine. <hr/> | h. charity |
| 19. The amount of money to support self and family, to have some savings. <hr/> | i. bishops |

Work

Read pages 245-246,

1. For early Christians, work was seen as a means of disciplining the _____ so that the _____ could be wholly directed to _____
2. True or False? During this period, all forms of work were acceptable.
3. Christians were allowed to eventually participate in most _____ as long as they did not actually take part in _____
4. Why does the Church insist that all people have a right to work?

Family

Read pages 247-248.

1. From the beginning, the Church insisted on _____ and marital fidelity, and on _____ before marriage for both men and women.
2. Define monogamy.
3. What did the Church reject related to the limiting of family size?

4. True or False? When Christianity was legalized, new laws of the state were enacted offering more protection to children and outlawing or setting limits on those things which were viewed as sins connected with marriage and sex.
5. What were the two views the Church took with respect to sexuality?
6. The domestic Church is the _____. In the family, parents and children exercise their _____ of the baptized by worshipping _____, receiving the _____, and witnessing to _____ and the Church by living as faithful _____

War.

Read pages 249-252,

1. True or False? Christians in the early Church were not allowed to participate in the military in any way.
2. As Christianity became an accepted part of the _____, the prohibition against participation in the _____ was relaxed.
3. What was Augustine concerned about that led his to develop the just war theory?

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column.

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| <p>4. The principle outlined by Saint Augustine and accepted by the Catholic Church that says that under certain specific conditions Christians may engage in war.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>a. Pope Urban II</p> |
| <p>5. By his time, the Church's acceptance of war and violence was so complete that when he forced his enemies to convert to Christianity at sword point the Church did not condemn his actions.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>b. crusades</p> |
| <p>6. At the council of Clermont he called for the first crusade.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>c. Peter the Hermit</p> |
| <p>7. He remained neutral during World War II in the hopes that he would be able to negotiate a peace in the future.</p> | <p>d. just war theory</p> |

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| 8. The Church used much of the crusaders' rhetoric against _____. | e. Pope Pius XII |
| 9. Soon after Pope Urban issued his call for crusaders a disorganized mob began to form under the loose leadership of _____. | f. Charlemagne |
| 10. A series of religious wars in the eleventh to thirteenth centuries with primary goal of recapturing the Holy Land. _____ | g. heretics |

11. Name the three objectives Pope Urban had for his crusade.

12. Since World War II, the Church has taken a more active stance against the use of _____ or aggression by any _____. Although the Church continues to maintain the position that states do have a right to legitimate _____, the Church is also quick to point out that in a world of modern _____ it is difficult to define and achieve only what is _____

In Conclusion

Read page 254.

1. True or False? Jesus told his disciples that the world would be able to recognize them because of the love they showed for one another.
2. True or False? The first Christians believed that because of what Christ had done class distinctions would disappear.
3. True or False? The early Christians did not view communal responsibility as something which needed to be mandated.
4. True or False? As the coming of the kingdom was delayed, Christian hope focused more on a renewal of this world and less on the rewards of the next world.
5. True or False? Catholics are called not only to give to those in need, but also to recreate the social structures which cause extreme need in the first place.
6. True or False? Christ has chosen to remain on earth through the Church.