

Private Revelations: Deepening the Faith

Project-Based Lesson Overview

Topic:
Private Revelations

Driving Question(s)

What role should private revelations play in deepening an individual's faith life?
How can private revelations deepen or challenge an individual's understanding of faith?

Objectives	Materials
• Explain and analyze the purpose of private revelations on the faithful and an individual's faith life. • Explain the purpose of apparitions, the Saints, and prayer and its impact on deepening an individual's faith life. • Investigate Church-approved examples of private revelations. • Design a group research project on a Church-approved private revelation to demonstrate how it has deepened or challenged your faith.	• <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> ◦ Pp. 66-67; 84-100; 484-511, 721-726, 963-975; 2697-2758 • <i>A Journey Through the Catechism</i> ◦ Chapter 1 (pg. 1-17) ◦ Chapter 7 (pg. 104-105) ◦ Chapter 9 (pages 127-147) ◦ Chapter 23 (pages 353-364) • <i>Computer</i> • <i>Research Organizer</i> • <i>Private Revelations Overview and Directions Sheets</i> • <i>Google Slides/Poster Board</i> • <i>Peer and Self Evaluation</i> • <i>Rubric</i> • <i>Pen/Pencil</i>

Important Info to Know

Vocabulary:

Revelation:

God's communication of himself by which he makes known the mystery of his plan.

Public Revelation:

The Deposit of Faith entrusted to the apostles and handed through Magisterium in the form of Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. It is infallible and must be believed by all Catholics. This revelation ended at the death of the last Apostle.

Private Revelation:

An intimate form of communication that does not add or take away from public revelation. It is approved by the Church to offer guidance and deeper understanding of the Gospel. It is not infallible, and the faithful are not obligated to believe it.

Apparition:

A supernatural appearance. A Marian apparition is an appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a person, typically to deliver an important message. In order for an apparition to be considered authentic, it must first be verified by the Vatican.

Deposit of Faith:

The heritage of faith contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, handed down in the Church from the time of the Apostles, from which the Magisterium draws all that it proposes for belief as being divinely inspired.

Magisterium:

The bishops, in union with the pope, the successor of St. Peter, who are the living teaching office of the Church. They are entrusted with guarding and handing on the Deposit of Faith and with authentically interpreting God's Revelation, in the forms of both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Sensus fidelium:

Latin for "sense of the faith"; it refers to the supernatural appreciation of the faith by all Catholics.

Outline and Timeline

*****This is an in-class project. Only work on this at-home if you do not finish the project in the workdays allotted to you. *****

Day 1: Introduction to Revelation

- Lecture Ch. 1 & 9 on Public/Private Revelation and Church discernment/approval process.

Day 2: Engaging in Revelation

- Literature Circle to analyze excerpts of Church teaching.
- Whole Class Discussion.

Day 3: Expectations of Project

- Introduce guidelines, expectations, and rubric.
- Receive assigned group and private revelation.

Day 4: Introduction to Apparitions, the Saints, and Prayer

- Lecture Ch. 7 & 23 on Marian Apparitions, the Saints, and a life of faith and prayer.

Day 5-6: Research and Planning

- Research with the help of the Research Organizer.
- Plan creative formats and sources.

Day 7-8: Workday and Review (In-Class)

- Create presentations.
- Finish and finalize presentations.
- Complete a self-assessment and peer-review assessment.

Day 9-10: Presentation and Reflections

- Present group projects.
- Whole class discussion.
- Peer and Self-Evaluation.

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Project Instructions

In this project, you will be diving in-depth into **ONE** Church-approved private revelation with an assigned group.

You and your group will **research** an assigned revelation and **create** a case file to **present** to the class about that private revelation and its impact on an individual's faith life.

GROUPS

- You will all be assigned a small group by your teacher. Your teacher will give you a private revelation to research with your small group. Again, you **DO NOT** need to find a private revelation or group on your own, it will be assigned to you by your teacher.
- Each group member will have an important role to play to help the whole group succeed. Your group will decide together who will get what role in the group. Some roles may be repeated in your group. These roles are to ensure the group is collaborative and the workload is fair for everyone.
- **Regardless of your role, ALL** of you will **actively research and present** on the topic, equally contribute to the project's success, and help one another. Your roles (*listed below*) will additionally help your group be more productive in class.
- **Role Overview:**
 - **Facilitator:** Keeps the team on-task, manages discussions, and directs the group towards the next step(s). Submits the final presentation to the teacher.
 - **Recorder:** Records important information shared in the group via research, discussions, observations, and/or reflections. Submits every team member's research notes and any other general notes to the teacher.
 - **Reporter:** Communicates with the teacher any questions/concerns for the group and speaks on-behalf of their group to share progress with the class. Leads the oral group presentation.
 - **Analyst:** Ensures everyone's voice is heard, ensures a respectful learning atmosphere, and reports on how well the team is operating. Submits each team-members peer-assessments to the teacher.
- At the end of the project, each group member will self-assess their contributions to the project, as well as peer-assess their team members' contributions. These assessments are a part of your final grade so be sure to actively contribute and participate!

TASK:

This is a step-by-step breakdown of what is expected of you for this research project. Use it as a checklist as you work to ensure you are completing all requirements.

☐ What is required to turn in:

- **ONE** Casefile for the entire group in the form of either a Google Slides or Poster Board.
- Research Outline or Notes Sheet for **EACH** member of your group.
- **ONE** peer and self-evaluation sheet per team member (*to evaluate how you and your team worked together*)

☐ Your assigned private revelation(s): Your group will be assigned one of the following revelations to research.

- Divine Mercy (St. Faustina Kowalska)
- Sacred Heart of Jesus (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)
- Our Lady of Fatima (Lúcia, Jacinta, and Francisco)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe (St. Juan Diego)

☐ Research: As a team, **ALL** of you will research to create a casefile, present it to the class, and reflect on how private revelations, especially the one you were assigned, deepens or challenges your faith. As a reminder to you, there are reliable sources and unreliable sources on the internet. You want to make sure your research is correct! Here is a diagram for examples of sites that are reliable or unreliable to get research from. Any

unreliable sources cited will be a deduction in points because there is no guarantee what is written is fully true. If you are ever unsure, please ask your teacher.

Reliable	Unreliable
Has a title, author, publisher and/or list credentials	No title, author, publisher, or credentials are listed
Webpage ends in: .edu; .gov; .org; .com (use with caution)	Webpage ends in: .com; .html; or Blogs, social media, Wikipedia, Redditt, Forums etc...
Purpose for content is to inform	Purpose is to sell or persuade you
Updated Information (not outdated)	Outdated information
Cites sources (if necessary)	No citations (if necessary)

****You may take notes however you wish as you research, but there will be a guided research outline for you to write down what you and your team members find if you would like to use it. Keep all your research together because at the end of the project, you will be turning it in. ****

☐ Casefile requirements:

****Note: There will be NO copy and pasting information from a website, that is plagiarism. You must put the information in your own words OR if you want to cite the information, do so properly. ****

- o **Title page** (title will be the name of your private revelation)
 - Include: all team members names, your block, and the name of the course.
- o **Background of the visionary (the person(s) associated with the revelation)**
 - 1-3 slides
 - Be sure to include their names, where they are from, key facts about their life prior, during, and after the revelation.
- o **Description of the revelation**
 - 2-4 slides
 - Who was involved? What was the revelation? When did it take place? Where did it occur? Why did it happen? How did people respond?
- o **Messages and/or themes revealed**
 - 1-2 slides (*You may use quotations here if you need to.*)
 - Describe the purpose for the revelation. Summarize what was revealed through this revelation to the faithful.
- o **Church investigation and approval process**
 - 1 slide
 - Give a summary of the timeline of events to be approved.
- o **Impact on the faithful**
 - 1-2 slides
 - How did this revelation deepen or challenge an individual's faith and the Church as a whole?
- o **Group Reflection on Driving Questions**
 - 1 slide
 - Your teams' thoughts and reflections; what your team took away from this revelation.
- o **Works Cited**

☐ Presentation requirements:

- o 8–10-minute presentation (Google Slides or Poster Board).
- o Bullets for information shared.
- o Minimum: One picture or visual/audio element (gif, transition, music, speech) per page for Slides and a minimum of 4 visual elements for Poster Board.
 - BE CREATIVE! Show your artistic skills to engage your audience.
- o Each team member must present at least one slide or section of the poster to the class.