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The Church: Our Story

Directed Reading Worksheet

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Unit 7 The Church Is a Communion of Saints

7.2 Mary: Model and Mother of the Church

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.

Truly Our Lady

Read pages 278-280,

1. What two things are we saying when we say we believe in a Church that is “catholic” or universal?
2. Veneration is _____ given to a person or image because that person or image _____ God. Veneration is not the same as worship or _____.
3. True or False? The titles for Mary emphasize that she is “one of us.”

God is the Holy One

Read pages 280-282,

Match the definition in the left column with the letter of the correct term from the right column. The letters may be used more than once.

1. Literally, a “witness”	a. disciple
2. Epitome of human holiness	b. martyr
3. First Christians had strong beliefs in power of ___	c. martyrology
4. a follower of Christ.	d. Jesus
5. An official list of Christian saints and martyrs.	e. prayer
6. Someone who has been killed because of his or her faith.	f. death
7. Someone who learns from and follows Jesus and who accepts a share of his ministry in the world.	
8. Christians visited a grave on the anniversary of the person’s ___, since ___ marked birth into heaven.	
9. One with the Father (the source of all holiness)	

10. Why was it common practice to celebrate Eucharist at the tombs of the faithful?

The Roots of Canonization

Read pages 283-285,

1. True or False? In the early Church martyrs were recognized by popular acclaim.
2. As martyrdom diminished what began to be regarded as the true proof of a person's holiness?
3. One of the miracles commonly attributed to saints was _____ of the body. (The body did not _____ after _____)
4. True or False? The relics of the saints came to be regarded as things which only connected a person to the saint, not as things which had healing power in and of themselves.
5. True or False? Over time the pope became increasingly involved in the approval of a person's sainthood.
6. What does it mean to be raised to full honors of the altar?
7. The first saint to be officially canonized was _____ of Augsburg, by Pope _____ in 933.
8. What is the process of canonization that has been followed from the thirteenth century to this day?
9. The Church's veneration of the saints was harshly criticized and severely challenged by the _____. The _____ pointed out abuses and _____, such as the placing of inauthentic _____ at altars and the creation of inaccurate _____ around the biographies of saints.
10. What was the reaction of the Council of Trent to the Protestant condemnations regarding veneration of saints?

Mary's Unique Place in the Communion of Saints

Read pages 285-287,

1. True or False? Mary's special role in the Church is not based in scripture, only Tradition.
2. What two scriptural verses are evidence of the importance of Mary's role?
3. In the _____ (the Latin translation of the Bible), "hail, favored one!" is translated as "_____"
4. True or False? If Mary is full of grace, she is able to dispense grace.
5. In the early Church what was Mary understood to be a necessary link between?
6. In the second century, Saint _____ paralleled the disobedience of _____ with the obedience of _____
7. When was Mary officially declared *Theotokos*?
8. What does the title Mediatrix mean when ascribed to Mary?
9. Vatican II defined Mary's participation in the saving work of Christ in the following way: Mary would be part of its teachings about the _____; The title of mediatrix would be placed alongside several other titles, such as _____ and _____; Christ's role as the sole _____ is emphasized. Mary's mediation is a participation in Christ's mediation and does not exist _____; Mary's role is "_____ " to Christ.

In Conclusion

Read page 288,

1. What has the Catholic understanding of the communion of saints and the role of Mary developed in response to?
2. The practice of _____ or venerating the saints and of asking or their _____ dates back to the _____ of Christianity
3. True or False? In the early Church, saints were recognized by popular acclaim.
4. As the need for regulation grew who was needed to officially approve a saint for veneration?

5. Mary is described as the new _____. In the fifth century she was officially name _____, or Mother of God.
6. Everything that Mary and all the saints do is because of what?