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Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe
Directed Reading Guide
Chapter 9, *Christian Moral Life*

Directions: Read carefully through Chapter 9 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. **Fil-in-the-Blank** questions must often be answered with more than one word per blank. (Refer to your text often!) Write your own **Short Answers** for other questions.

Page 216 *Unsung Heroes*

1. True or False. Novelists John Hersey wrote about a brave few Japanese heroes who helped those who were trapped in the rubble in the aftermath of the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.
2. Christians are called to _____ our own problems and hear the _____ of those who need us. This is Christian _____ in action in which we show our _____ by loving others, especially the _____ in our midst.

Pages 217-218 *Called to Happiness*

3. What is the Catholic answer to the meaning of life?
4. True or False. A synonym for beatitude is *contentment*.
5. True or False. We accept the gift of happiness God freely gives to us by living upright, moral, and Christ-like lives and putting into practice the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.
6. Jesus shared the _____ at the beginning of his _____. They complete the _____ that God made to _____ and show us how to fulfill our desire for _____ and teach us how we should live in order to reach our _____ of union with God.
7. True or False. In the first Beatitude Jesus says that material poverty is an evil and he wants us to recognize our spiritual poverty.
8. True or False. In the second Beatitude Jesus blesses those who mourn over injustices and evils committed against God and people in need, but tells us he will eventually scold us.
9. True or False. In the third Beatitude humility is equated with meekness, and is reflected when we treat others with gentleness, compassion, and forgiveness.
10. True or False. In the fourth Beatitude Jesus blesses those who know that only God's righteousness can fulfill us because he made us so our hearts seek divine justice and a good relationship with him.
11. True or False. In the fifth Beatitude Jesus tells us we should share with others the love, mercy, and forgiveness that we have been given, except for our enemies.
12. True or False. The sixth Beatitude instructs us to have a clean heart which means a person puts other people before everything else.
13. True or False. The seventh Beatitude instructs Christians to be peacemakers and to work hard to end the strife that leads to violence.

14. True or False. The final Beatitude tells us that suffering for faith in Jesus is to be expected and is a great sign of life for him.

Pages 218-226 Love God: The First Three Commandments

15. The first _____ commandments show us how to love the _____ with our whole heart, soul, _____ and mind. The first commandment tells us to make God the _____. We do this by practicing the _____ of faith, hope, and _____.

16. The virtue of _____ helps us give to God what is his _____, including reverence, love, and _____. We have a _____ to worship God both individually and _____. Civil _____ must protect the right of individuals and communities to worship God _____ according to the dictates of their _____.

17. When we pray, we are _____. Prayer helps us keep God's _____. When we join our works of _____ to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we make our lives _____ to God. The virtue of religion enables believers to keep their _____, especially poverty, _____, and obedience.

Write the correct word next to the definition.

18. _____ denial of Christ

19. _____ a heresy that says a person can save himself without God's help

20. _____ a heresy that says God cannot or will not forgive a person his or her sins

21. _____ a teaching that denies the truth of the faith

22. _____ a split in union with the pope

23. True or False. Refusal of God's love is sinful.

24. List the sins associated with the first commandment with a brief description.

25. True or False. The Church teaches that it is fitting to give adoration to icons, and statues of Jesus, his Blessed Mother, and the angels and saints.

26. True or False. It is idolatrous to venerate anyone other than God, including Mary and the saints.

27. When God revealed his name, _____, to the _____, he commanded that we honor his _____ through praise, reverence, and _____. We also reverence the name of our _____, Jesus Christ, and his Blessed _____ and the saints.

28. True or False. The name we receive at baptism often reminds us of a patron saint whose life can inspire us and who prays for us in heaven.

29. What is the significance of the Sign of the Cross?

30. True or False. Taking an oath was not outlawed by Jesus, therefore Christians are free to swear an oath for any reason.

31. What is the sin of blasphemy?

32. True or False. Cursing involves crude words and is immature rather than sinful.
33. True or False. Thomas More refused to swear an oath of loyalty to King Henry VIII because this would have denied the pope's rightful authority as the vicar of Christ.
34. How did the Israelites understand the purpose of the second commandment?
35. Jesus declared that the Sabbath was made for _____. It is proper for humans to worship and _____ God. We should acknowledge that we are _____ on our loving God. It should serve as a break from _____ and the endless pursuit of _____.
36. Jesus brought new _____ to the Sabbath observance because he brought about a new _____, namely, _____ for those who love him. The _____ took place on a Sunday, the first day of the week, the "_____ " following the Sabbath. For Christians, the Lord's Day _____ the Sabbath and since the time of the _____, Christians have gathered on _____.
37. True or False. Because the Eucharist is central to our life in Christ, participating in the Sunday Mass is a serious option, that we must fulfill under penalty of sin.
38. What are some ways we make the Lord's day holy?

Pages 226-239 *Love Your Neighbor: The Fourth through Tenth Commandments*

39. How does St. Paul sum up the last seven commandments?
40. The fourth commandment stresses that charity begins at _____. God created the _____ as the primary unit of society. In it the husband and wife marry _____ as _____ and participate with God in the _____ and education of children. The family _____ the love and unity of the _____.
41. Summarize five duties of parents mandated by the fourth commandment.
42. True or False. Adult children honor their parents by helping to take care for their physical and spiritual needs when they are aged.
43. What is an example of a time when one would properly oppose civil law?
44. The fifth commandment teaches respect for the _____, from the moment of _____ until natural _____. Any direct and _____ killing of a human being is called _____ in the Old Testament. Anger and hate lead to _____, including murder.
45. True or False. Killing in self-defense is morally sinful, even as a last resort when a person is defending his or her own life against an unjust aggressor, or to protect someone else's life.

46. The use of the death penalty is only permissible in very rare cases. Explain.
47. What are four conditions of a just war?
48. True or False. The Church teaches that a nation that goes to war must (still) follow moral law, and the use of weapons of mass destruction cannot be justified.
49. Summarize five other actions forbidden by the fifth commandment.
50. True or False. The Church imposes the penalty of execution on those who cooperate in an abortion.
51. True or False. A person does not commit the sin of euthanasia by refusing to take “ordinary means” to keep oneself alive in the face of terminal illness.
52. True or False. Because of psychological problem, people who commit suicide may not be fully blameworthy for their actions, even though their action is objectively wrong.
53. True or False. Procedures like bodily mutilations, amputations, and sterilizations are immoral unless they are done to benefit a person physically or socially.
54. Arguments for euthanasia and _____ often focus on the intention to avoid or reduce _____. Working to reduce suffering is a moral _____, but a greater moral principle is that one cannot do an _____ even for a _____. Suffering can be redemptive, as _____ suffering was on the cross. Death is not a _____.
55. The sixth and ninth commandments teach us how to use our _____ in accord with God’s plan. God gave us the gift of sexuality so _____ can share their love and _____ with God in bringing forth new _____. Males and females are made in God’s _____ and have equal dignity.
56. _____ helps us integrate our sexuality with all aspects of who we are. Jesus is the perfect _____ of chastity and he calls everyone to live chastely according to their _____. Married couples should be _____ to each other and single people should refrain from _____. This virtue requires life-long _____.
57. True or False. Lust is the vice of a disordered craving for sexual pleasure, and it can be combated with the virtues of purity and modesty.
58. What does the virtue of modesty require?
59. What are examples of actions forbidden by the sixth and ninth commandments?
60. Homosexual activity _____ God’s intention of male-female bonding. Homosexual _____ differ from a homosexual _____. The orientation is not _____ because people do not _____ their orientation. However, persons with homosexual desires must _____ translating their desires into homosexual _____ actions.

61. True or False. Prejudice and discrimination against those who have homosexual orientation are justified.
62. If we give in to sexual temptations, what sacrament should we seek out?
63. The sixth and _____ commandments support the institution of _____. They tell us that _____, and all acts leading up to it, express the _____ commitment of love between a man and woman who have given themselves to _____ in marriage. This sexual _____ deepens and symbolizes their _____.
64. True or False. A Christian marriage should be like God's permanent covenant of love and fidelity and should reflect the justice of the Lord.
65. What are the two purposes of sexual intercourse in marriage?
66. True or False. The use of natural methods of regulating births are in accord with God's will but artificial means of birth control are unnatural and contrary to God's law.
67. If couples experience difficulty in having children they may not use any methods of increasing fertility.
68. Explain three acts listed as violations against God's intention for marriage.
69. The seventh commandment teaches us to be good _____ of our material possessions. It stresses that God created the goods of creation for the benefit of _____. We have a right to _____ but we must use that property _____. The virtue of _____ teaches us not to become too attached to our _____ and the virtue of _____ calls us to respect the property of _____ and to _____ with the needy.
70. True or False. It is natural and morally acceptable to want to own things as long as we are reasonable, and do not unjustly crave the belongings of others.
71. Explain three attitudes outlawed by the tenth commandment.
72. Jesus says that the way to combat these three attitudes is the poverty of _____ because only _____ can satisfy our restless hearts. The problem with desiring wealth is that _____ become our _____. Prayer to the _____ can help us resist the temptations.
73. What are examples of taking and keeping another's property?
74. True or False. Gambling is a serious violation of the seventh commandment.
75. Explain three types of justice.
76. _____ justice applies the teachings of _____ and the _____ to the political, economic, and _____ orders. The Church has spoken out on issues that affect our basic _____ and our salvation since the late nineteenth century. The teaching involves three elements: principles for _____, criteria for _____, and guidelines for _____.

77. The condemnation of any social, political, or _____ system that is contrary to the _____ of the human person is a fundamental _____ of Catholic social justice teaching. The Church, therefore, is against any _____ or _____ system that makes profit the only norm and ultimate _____ of economic activity.

78. What are four areas of Catholic social teaching that are given special emphasis by the author?

79. Although God gave humans _____ over all creation he expects us to be responsible _____ or caretakers who will be respectful of God's world and preserve its limited _____ for future generations. Loving concern for the _____ is essential for Christians.

80. True or False. Although it is morally acceptable for humans to use animals, people must not cause animals needless suffering and death.

81. The purpose of the _____ is to benefit both _____ and the human _____. Profit, _____, or material goods cannot be its center. Economic life teaches us that work is both a right and a _____, and people should have access to a job that pays a _____ wage without discrimination of any kind. We have a duty to provide for our _____ by giving an _____ days work.

82. Nations _____ by God with _____ must express their _____ with poorer nations. Rich nations must help poorer nations _____ their economies.

83. What are specific ways for wealthy nations to help poorer ones?

84. True or False. Jesus identified himself with the poor, and it is a grave evil to exploit them.

85. List the corporal works of mercy.

86. List the spiritual works of mercy.

87. The eighth commandment teaches the value of _____ and it is a matter of _____. This commandment teaches us to _____ the truth as exemplified in the lives of the _____. Lying goes against God's gift of _____ and is mortally sinful when it causes _____ harm to another.

88. Describe three behaviors that the eighth commandment call us to avoid.

89. True or False. At times the prudent and loving thing to do is to remain silent or use discrete language in order to protect someone or to honor a reasonable right to privacy.

90. The eighth commandment requires governments and _____ industries to use the _____ responsibly and not for _____ or to promote _____ behavior. People have a right to

_____ information. Truth is reflected in God's _____ and in Scripture. Human art can be a powerful _____ to reveal God's truth, _____, and love.

91. The secret to _____ living is saying "_____!" This means keeping the _____ and remembering what Jesus said: "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my _____, just as I have kept my _____ commandments and remain in his love. You are my _____ if you do what I command you."