

Student Notes for Unit 4

Key Understandings

These are the key concepts you need to understand by the end of the unit:

- Jesus shares his relationship with his mother and with us so that we all have a mother to whom we can go.
- Mary models discipleship.
- We can have the privileged relationship with Jesus that the disciples enjoyed with him.
- Jesus' relationships with others are directly linked to his mission of salvation.

Article 26: Mary's Role in the Incarnation

1. How did Mary fulfill her role in the Incarnation?
2. By the action of the Holy Spirit in Mary, God the Father gave the world the great gift of Emmanuel, which means "_____."
3. Why is Mary called the Mother of God?
4. What are two other names given to Mary of Nazareth?
5. What does the Immaculate Conception celebrate?
6. What does the fact that Mary remained a virgin throughout her life signify?
7. How does Mary act as our spiritual mother?
8. The Church's teaching that at Mary's death God brought her whole being—body and soul—into Heaven is called the _____.
9. Besides Sundays, Catholics are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on special feast days known as _____.

Article 66: Do Catholics Pray to Mary?

1. Why is it a misconception to say that Catholics worship Mary?
2. When we direct our prayers to Mary, what should we ask her to do?



3. We can honor Mary by praying the _____, the beautiful prayer of praise that she offered to God when she and her cousin Elizabeth were pregnant.
4. What is a litany?
5. List three titles or descriptors of Mary in the Litany of Loreto.

Article 67: Mary: First Disciple and Model of Faith

1. In the Gospel story of the wedding at Cana, how does Mary show that she is Jesus' first disciple?
2. In what way does Mary fulfill her role as Jesus' first disciple in the days between the Ascension and Pentecost?
3. Why is Mary considered to be the Church's model of faith?
4. The biblical event in which the angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary and announces that she is to be the Mother of the Savior is called the _____.

