Directions for Short Research Report

Sins against the First and Second Commandments

This is a list of sins that can be committed against the First and Second Commandments:

• agnosticism

• astrology

• atheism

• blasphemy

• divination

• profanity

• sacrilege

• Satanism

• superstition

**1.** Circle the word you have been assigned to research.

**2.** Use a Catholic encyclopedia to examine the definition of the sin you have been assigned. Make notes about examples that may be provided or quotations that add to your understanding.

**3.** Another source to use in your research is the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Sins against the First Commandment are found in paragraphs 2110–2132; sins against the Second Commandment are found in paragraphs 2146–2155.

**4.** After you have completed your research, write a report of approximately 250 words on the sin you have been assigned. Include an accurate definition and an example of the sin found in today’s society. Add any additional reference notes clarifying the understanding of the nature and seriousness of the offense.