

# Final Performance Task Options for Unit 8

## Important Information for Both Options

The following are the main ideas you are to understand from this unit. They should appear in this final performance task so your teacher can assess whether you have learned the most essential content:

- During the early twentieth century, the Church experienced many kinds of renewal and faced the challenges and consequences of two world wars.
- Pope Saint John XXIII called Vatican Council II to be both ecumenical and pastoral.
- Vatican Council II launched the Church into a long period of change and renewal, led by Pope Paul VI.
- Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI made unique contributions to the Church throughout the world, especially in the United States, where the Church faces an era of both hope and challenges.
- With the election of Pope Francis, the Church began an era of pastoral renewal, with a deep and active concern for those who are poor and marginalized, and for the environment.

## Option 1: Journal Entries from World War I to Today

Imagine that you are an elderly, faithful Catholic today. A grandchild is helping you clean out a storage space and comes across journals that you have kept since you were a teenager during the early twentieth century. What do those journals reveal about your own growth as a Catholic and the Church's growth in the face of postmodern challenges?

Working on your own, write a series of at least eight journal entries covering major developments that you have seen during your lifetime. You must conduct enough research to write these entries convincingly. Your sources may include library books as well as interviews. Include at least one entry on each of the following topics:

- the Church during or after either of the world wars
- Pope Saint John XXIII and Vatican Council II
- changes in the Mass after Vatican Council II
- Pope Paul VI, Pope Saint John Paul II, or Pope Benedict XVI
- the hope offered by Pope Francis, and the concerns of his papacy
- challenges and hope for the Church in the United States today

In addition to the journal entries themselves, your project must include or demonstrate the following:

- an understanding of the five main concepts of unit 8, as listed at the beginning of this handout
- a bibliography of at least three sources (only one of which may come from Wikipedia), as well as citations for any material you quote
- appropriate content and maturity level for a high school religion class
- a well-rehearsed presentation of one of your journal entries to your classmates



## Option 2: An Original Graphic Novel or Comic Book about the Church in the Postmodern Era

Working with a partner, create a comic book or graphic novel describing the history of the Church in the postmodern era for other young people. Follow these guidelines to create your comic book or graphic novel:

- Conduct research to expand your understanding of the Church in the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.
- Create sixteen to twenty full pages, with text and illustration on each.
- Include a cover with the title and your names.

Your graphic novel or comic book must include or demonstrate the following:

- an understanding of the five main concepts of unit 8, as listed at the beginning of this handout
- sixteen to twenty original comic scenes or pages, with text and illustrations
- a bibliography of at least three sources (only one of which may come from Wikipedia), as well as citations for any material you quote
- appropriate content and maturity level for a high school religion class
- a well-rehearsed presentation of your work to your classmates

