Chapter 4

Answer Key for Double-Check Questions

1. *How does faith in Christ help us to make choices that are right and just?*

Through faith, we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit as it gently guides us toward holiness.

2. *Why do we need both faith and religion in order to grow a deep and intimate relationship with God?*

If we try to sustain our faith without expressing it through religion, it will eventually lose its power in   
our life and fade away. If we participate in religious practices without having real faith, religion loses   
its power to transform our life. Religion becomes an empty ritual.

3. *What makes Paul’s letters different from ordinary letters?*

They were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

4. *What is the Magisterium, and what is its role in the Catholic Church?*

The Magisterium refers to the Church’s living teaching office, which consists of al bishops in   
communion with the Pope, who have the collegial responsibility of preserving and teaching   
the Gospel.

5. *What role does the Galatians’ initial conversion experience play in Paul’s attempts to help them   
make a U-turn?*

Their experience of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives after putting their faith in Christ is the   
first thing that Paul draws upon to help them see the error in following the teaching of the new missionaries.

6. *According to the Letter to the Ephesians, what two ways are believers a sign of unity?*

Believers are a sign of unity that exists between God and humanity through Christ and a sign of   
unity between all people that God desires.

7. *How does Paul make a living? Why is that job particularly useful in Corinth?*

Paul is a tentmaker. Corinth is a seaport city with many travelers who need tents for their lodging,   
giving Paul work and a chance to share the Gospel with message with travelers from around the   
known world.

8. *In First Corinthians, what does Paul say about Christians eating meat that has been sacrificed to idols?*

Christians can eat it if it does not harm the faith of other Christians, particularly those of weaker faith.