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“Rejoice and Be Glad” (“*Gaudete et Exsultate*”) Assignment

Part 1: Explain and Annotate

As you read and answer the specific questions for your assigned paragraphs, annotate using the following symbols in the margin:

- Place a ✓ next to things you agree with or personally identify with.
 - Place a ! next to things you think are particularly relevant to the lives of young people, both in the United States and around the world.
 - Place a ? next to things you question or do not understand.
1. (Paragraphs 1–2) Explain the meaning of the Latin title “*Gaudete et Exsultate*,” where it comes from, and Pope Francis’s goal in writing this apostolic exhortation.

 2. (Paragraphs 3–9) In addition to the examples in Scripture and among the beatified and canonized, who else does Pope Francis specifically recognize as part of the saints who encourage and accompany us? In your answer, be sure to explain what is meant by “the middle class of holiness” (paragraph 7).

 3. (Paragraphs 10–13) Copy the quote from paragraph 10 in Second Vatican Council’s *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* (*Lumen Gentium*, 1964) and explain what it means.



4. (Paragraphs 14–18) How does Pope Francis explain what being holy does and does not require of us?

5. (Paragraphs 19–24) How is our mission on Earth—the path of holiness—connected to the Paschal Mystery?

6. (Paragraphs 63–66) Why are the Beatitudes referenced in this discussion on holiness?

Part 2: The Beatitudes

In your small group, read your assigned beatitude and answer its corresponding question. You may write your response here.



Part 3: Personal Response

Inspire: Choose one of Pope Francis's quotes on cultivating holiness found in "Rejoice and Be Glad." Write the quote here, along with the paragraph number, and briefly explain why you find this quote so inspirational.

Act: Decide what concrete actions you can take this week to implement the words of Pope Francis and cultivate holiness.

Reflect: Type a one-page reflection paper in which you explain what you did to cultivate holiness, why you chose that action, and the difference it has made in cultivating holiness in your daily life.

(The quotations on this handout are from Pope Francis's encyclical "Rejoice and be Glad" [*"Gaudete et Exsultate"*], at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#REJOICE_AND_BE_GLAD. Copyright © Libreria Editrice Vaticana.)

