

# Final Performance Task Options for Unit 4

## Important Information for All Options

The following concepts reflect the key understandings from this unit. Each understanding should be reflected in the final performance task so your teacher can see you have learned the most essential content of the unit:

- The Church was founded by Jesus Christ, who intended that his followers would continue his mission.
- The mission of the Church can be seen through the marks of the Church and through specific scriptural images.
- Diverse roles exist within the Church that are necessary for the Church to function properly.
- Ecumenism and interreligious dialogue are two ways Catholics engage other faiths and other Christian churches.

## Option 1: Presentation and Poster about a Twentieth-Century Pope

The Church's social teachings arose out of *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Pope Leo XIII. This exercise asks you to put together a presentation and create a poster to reflect the historical, social, and theological realities affecting a particular Pope. Select a Pope from the following list:

- Pius X (1903–1914)
- Benedict XV (1914–1922)
- Pius XI (1922–1939)
- Pius XII (1939–1958)
- John XXIII (1958–1963)
- Paul VI (1963–1978)
- John Paul I (1978–1978)
- John Paul II (1978–2005)
- Benedict XVI (2005– )

Write several paragraphs that include a summary of the selected Pope's life and service to the Church and relate your research to the key understandings of the unit. You may wish to address the following:

- any symbols or imagery this Pope might have used to describe the Church or the social or political events of the era
- a story of a particular conversion or change that occurred during his lifetime
- an explanation of any important encyclicals or letters he wrote, including the topic he was addressing or critiquing
- how this Pope worked to build the mission of the Church
- a selection or quotation from this Pope reflecting the signs of the times in which he was serving as head of the Church



## Option 2: Visual Presentation

Design a presentation of images that symbolize, depict, or embody the mission or organization of the Catholic Church. Your presentation must be targeted at an imaginary audience of non-Catholics who are hearing this for the first time. You may wish to use one of the following ideas:

- scriptural images of the Church
- the four marks of the Church as they describe something essential about the Church and its mission
- the ministries and roles of various people within the Church
- the meaning of different garments from various religious orders
- the ritual of priestly ordination
- papal and cardinal dress and symbols

Be prepared to speak about each of the images and how they represent the mission or organization of the Church in a way that non-Catholics might understand. Make sure to demonstrate each of the key understandings of the unit in your work.

## Option 3: Reflection on Leadership in the Church

Reflect on what role or roles you might be interested in assuming as you grow in your faith. Fully explain the key understandings for this unit in an essay, and then talk about your own sense of how you might best serve the Church and the world, writing several paragraphs that address the following points:

- Do you know anyone in a leadership role in the Church? What qualities does this person exhibit that help in the leadership role?
- As you consider your own life, what steps can you take to begin developing your leadership skills within the Church?
- In the next 5 or 10 years, how do you envision your own role within the Church?

