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Unit 4 Vocabulary

Terms for Mastery

absolution An essential part of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in which the priest pardons the sins of the person confessing, in the name of God and the Church.

Anointing of the Sick One of the Seven Sacraments, in which a gravely ill, aging, or dying person is anointed by the priest and prayed over by him and attending believers. One need not be dying to receive the sacrament.

concupiscence The tendency of all human beings toward sin, as a result of Original Sin.

examination of conscience Prayerful reflection on, and assessment of, one's words, attitudes, and actions in light of the Gospel of Jesus; more specifically, the conscious moral evaluation of one's life in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

mortal sin An action so contrary to the will of God that it results in a complete separation from God and his grace. As a consequence of that separation, the person is condemned to eternal death. For a sin to be a mortal sin, three conditions must be met: the act must involve a grave matter, the person must have full knowledge of the evil of the act, and the person must give full consent in committing the act.

Oil of the Sick Blessed olive oil used in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to anoint the forehead and hands of people who are seriously ill or near death.

Penance and Reconciliation, Sacrament of One of the Seven Sacraments of the Church, the liturgical celebration of God's forgiveness of sin, through which the sinner is reconciled with both God and the Church.

penitent Refers to the person who repents of wrongdoing and seeks forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

reparation The act of making amends for something one did wrong that caused physical, emotional, or material harm to another person.

repentance (contrition) An attitude of sorrow for a sin committed and a resolution not to sin again. It is a response to God's gracious love and forgiveness.

venial sin A less serious offense against the will of God that diminishes one's personal character and weakens but does not rupture one's relationship with God.

viaticum The process by which an unbaptized person, called a "catechumen," and those who were baptized in another Christian denomination, called "candidates for full communion," are prepared to become full members of the Church.



Term Introduced for Later Mastery

conversion A profound change of heart, turning away from sin and toward God.

Terms Previously Mastered or for General Knowledge

Heaven A state of eternal life and union with God in which one experiences full happiness and the satisfaction of the deepest human longings.

Hell Refers to the state of definitive separation from God and the saints, and so is a state of eternal punishment.

Purgatory A state of final purification or cleansing, which one may need to enter following death and before entering Heaven.

sin Any deliberate offense, in thought, word, or deed, against the will of God. Sin wounds human nature and injures human solidarity.

