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Unit 2 Reading Guide

Honoring God

Chapter 4: The First Commandment: Faith, Not Idolatry

Article 15: Living the First Commandment

1. The First Commandment is the starting point of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It calls us to put our faith in God alone. The opposite of placing our faith in God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is placing our faith, hope, and love in something that is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The Theological Virtues is the name given for the God-given virtues of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . These virtues enable us to know God as God and lead us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him in mind and heart.
3. Failing to accept the truths of our faith can lead to the sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is to either disregard the truths of faith or to question them without seeking to further understand them. This can lead even further to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is to deny an essential truth of our faith, or even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is to reject the Christian faith completely.
4. Placing our hope in God means to confidently expect his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this life and the reward of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the next. We must avoid the sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is to stop believing that God cares for us and that he will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his promises to us.
5. We can fail in many ways to return God’s love, such as through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and refusing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to loving him.
6. The Catholic Church is strongly against any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . We follow the example of God, who honors each person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to accept God’s gift of faith.

Article 16: Idolatry in the Bible

1. In its original context, the First Commandment focused on the sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which is the literal worship of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other than Yahweh.
2. Throughout their early history, the Israelites struggled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ might have been their God, but the gods and goddesses of the people around must have seemed just as real. So at times they also worshipped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and other gods and goddesses.
3. Catholics \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , or give respect and honor to, saints, sacred objects, and images. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is different from worship and adoration, which are meant for God alone. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does not violate the First Commandment.
4. In his teaching, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our understanding of idolatry. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means “wealth and riches.” Idolatry is not just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pagan gods and goddesses; it is letting something like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ take the place that God should have in our lives.
5. People with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have learned to turn to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when bored or stressed or hurting rather than to turn to God. This is the common thread in all these examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ : we turn to something that is not God to try and find the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that can only come from God.

Article 17: Other Sins against the First Commandment

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a deviation of true religion and can take many forms. One example is the practice of assigning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to certain practices or objects, such as charms or omens.
2. Hobbies and games that lead individuals to believe in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be sinful. They too are not compatible with true Christian belief and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. One of the sins that falls under the category of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , or the abuse of the sacraments, persons, things, or places that are consecrated to God.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is another sin of irreligion. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ describes the practice of buying and selling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and favors and is another sin against the First Commandment.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has become much more common in our time. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the denial of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God and is an offense against the First Commandment.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a cousin to atheism. Instead of declaring that there is no God, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believe that it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to prove God’s existence. Thus, agnostics believe that one cannot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about God or his nature.

Chapter 5: The Second Commandment: Reverence,   
Not Profanity

Article 18: Reverence: Responding to the Sacredness of God

1. God deserves our complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and we should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him in our every thought, word, and deed. This is what the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Commandment, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,” is all about.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the quality of being holy, worthy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; set apart   
   for God.
3. The opposite of reverence is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more than just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or using vulgar language. It means to treat something that is sacred as if it were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. To use God’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means to use it for dishonorable or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purposes. It is treating or using his name, which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the greatest respect, as something ordinary, or even worse, for evil purposes.
5. The sinfulness of abusing God’s name also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to other names. Using the name of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the name of any of the saints in vain is also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . God calls us each by name, and so our names have great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 19: Keeping Sacred Commitments

1. By making a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a specific person, group, or cause, people are not distracted by other things. This leaves them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on being true to the person, the ministry, or the cause that God has called them to as their primary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Second Commandment was to hold the name of God in great reverence and also to protect these sacred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites made in the sacred name of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Jesus taught that we should be so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in everything we do and say that there is no need to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in making an oath. It should be assumed that as his disciples we will tell the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and keep our important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. We make sacred oaths in the context of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also, but we usually call them promises or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Often these are associated with one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Besides these major vows we make during our lives, many people also make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises to God. Often these promises are commitments to some kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , regularly receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and Reconciliation, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are examples of spiritual practices that nurture and deepen our relationship with God and help us grow in understanding and living out Jesus Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 20: Other Sins against the Second Commandment

1. Far worse than a casual curse is using the name of God, of Jesus Christ, of the Virgin Mary, or of the saints in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way. This is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calls on God to be witness to a lie. That is why the crime of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , lying under oath, is a serious sin against the Lord, who is always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his promises.
3. The Second Commandment is all about keeping \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Keeping the Second Commandment requires a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not to give in to the many subtle ways God’s name and holy symbols are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Chapter 6: The Third Commandment: Preserving Holiness

Article 21: Sabbath in the Old Testament

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which Christians fulfill with the observance of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday, is a day God set aside for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of him.   
   It is God’s will that we keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holy.
2. The Bible traces the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Sabbath back to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
3. God is the origin of the Sabbath, giving it to us for our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . When we keep the Sabbath,   
   we remind ourselves of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Our natural response is to praise and thank God in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Every Catholic is expected to keep the Lord’s Day by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. This is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church and is a serious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. We are to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, especially work that would keep us from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or work that keeps us from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Sabbath is meant to provide.
6. We should devote time on Sundays to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , to works of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , to spending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with our families, and to spiritual reading, silence, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 22: The Lord’s Day in the New Testament

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is typically celebrated with a special meal on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night, Sabbath services at a synagogue on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ morning, and Torah study and leisure activities with family and friends during the day on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Even after Christ’s Resurrection and Ascension, his disciples continued to keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and worship in the synagogues for a time—with one important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . They now also gathered with other believers in Christ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Very quickly, these first Christians began to celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the first day of the week.
4. Ultimately, Christians moved the observance of the Sabbath from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the last day of the week, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the day of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the first day of the new creation, and began calling Sunday the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Article 23: Keeping Sunday Holy

1. We keep holy the Lord’s Day by celebrating the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , performing works of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and taking time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The most important reason for attending Mass on Sunday, however, is because the Eucharist is the ultimate source of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds our heart and soul with his sacred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and with his holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. When we keep Sunday free of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and unnecessary commitments, we have time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we do not have during the rest of the week.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the area of Christian faith having to do with the last things: the Last Judgment, the particular judgment, the resurrection of the body, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Reclaiming Sunday as the Lord’s Day by participating in the celebration of the Eucharist and taking the time for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helps us to remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in creation and to look forward to the wonderful blessings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .