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**A Work with Words** Match the words on the left with the correct definitions or descriptions on the right.

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|---|---|
| <p>___ 1. soul</p> <p>___ 2. free will</p> <p>___ 3. covenant</p> <p>___ 4. Decalogue</p> <p>___ 5. Sacred Tradition</p> <p>___ 6. virtue</p> <p>___ 7. angel</p> <p>___ 8. Marks of the Church</p> <p>___ 9. natural moral law</p> <p>___ 10. revealed law</p> <p>___ 11. Liturgy of the Hours</p> <p>___ 12. councils</p> | <p>a. a sacred promise between God and humans involving mutual commitments</p> <p>b. the four essential characteristics that distinguish Christ's Church and her mission</p> <p>c. another name for the Ten Commandments</p> <p>d. a good spiritual habit that strengthens and enables you to do what is right and good</p> <p>e. spiritual principle of a human person that is individual, created by God, and will exist forever</p> <p>f. from Greek and Hebrew words that mean "messenger from God"</p> <p>g. is God's Word to the Church, safeguarded by the Apostles and their successors, the bishops, and handed down verbally to future generations</p> <p>h. the God-given freedom and ability to make choices. God created us with this so we can have the freedom to choose good.</p> <p>i. this is universal because it applies to every human being</p> <p>j. rules for living that guide us in making choices</p> <p>k. a practice of prayer that marks every part of the day as holy</p> <p>l. gatherings of bishops during which they speak about the faith of the Church, her teachings, and important issues</p> |
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**B Check Understanding** Complete each sentence with the correct term from the Word Bank. Not all terms will be used.

13. \_\_\_\_\_ and Sacred Tradition are the source of God's Revelation to us.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's Word to the Church, safeguarded by the Apostles and their successors, the bishops, and handed down verbally—in her Creeds, Sacraments, and other teachings—to future generations.
15. The Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ is founded on the commissioning of the Apostles by Jesus to share in his ministry and work in a special way as Church leaders.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ faith, hope, and charity, are the three virtues from which all other virtues flow.
17. Human beings are created uniquely by God, the only creatures made in his image with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The four essential characteristics that distinguish Christ's Church are one, catholic, apostolic, and \_\_\_\_\_.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ gives special honor to Jesus' unique presence in the Eucharist.
20. Members of the Church grow in \_\_\_\_\_ as they listen to the Word of God and reflect on how to put God's Word into practice.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Theological Virtue that makes it possible for us to believe in God and all that he has revealed.

Adoration of  
the Blessed  
Sacrament

free will

holy

Theological  
Virtues

Faith

Holy Orders

Sacred Scripture

holiness

Reconciliation

Sacred Tradition

**C Make Connections** Write a short answer to the following questions or prompts.

**22.** God has a purpose for our lives: to know him, to love him, and to serve him. What does this purpose mean for your life?

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**23.** Write a purpose statement for your life that reflects your goals and desires as they are shaped by your relationship with God.

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**24.** Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of God's own Revelation. What aspects of God's nature become more clear to you through the life of Jesus? Provide specific examples from Jesus' life to support your answer.

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**25.** How do the virtues help you to respond to challenges in your life?

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# TRINITY



*How is Jesus the perfect sign of the Father made visible in the world through the work of the Holy Spirit?*

## CHURCH HISTORY TIMELINE

- 313 Edict of Milan establishes religious freedom for Christians
- 325 The First Council of Nicaea
- 1274 Saint Thomas Aquinas finishes the *Summa Theologiae*
- 1978 Pope Saint John Paul II is elected Pope

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### Our Catholic Tradition

- We relate to the three Divine Persons of the Trinity in different ways. We are children of God the Father, brothers and sisters of Christ, and Temples of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit furthers God's work on Earth. (CCC, 257)
- We belong to the People of God through Baptism and belief in Christ. The Church is part of God's plan for all people to come to know him and love him, and all her members have a role in spreading his message. (CCC, 778)
- The Church is both a visible, structured organization and the Mystical Body of Christ, in which the Holy Spirit lives uniting the Church, guiding her, and giving the community and each of us life. (CCC, 771, 809)

### Our Catholic Life

- Jesus' Transfiguration revealed his Divine glory as the Son of God, and shows us God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC 554–556)
- Through Baptism, each of us shares in Christ's mission as Priest, Prophet, and King. We offer our lives and prayer to God, and we show others the Good News through our words and actions, and through how we serve and lead others. (CCC 1546–1547)
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to give witness to Christ and live faithful lives, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit are the results of those gifts working in our lives. (CCC 1831–1832)