UNIT 2: JESUS AND THE NEW COVENANT THE PROMISED ONE COMES

Lessons 1-4: Revision and Test

The purpose of these lessons is to help the students retain what they have learnt. The Church encourages serious study and a certain amount of memorization (See Catechesi Tradendae 55, 'Memorization'] specifically mentioning the words of Christ, important Bible passages, and prayers among those elements to be memorized, making sure those catechised understand and interiorise the matter.

REVISION

[Do not give the written test at this class!]

- Begin with a short prayer.
- o The students could revise the matter in the handouts and test one another in pairs.
- Alternatively, (this would be more interesting and exciting) divide the class into 2 teams. After the students prepare for 15-20 minutes (They prepare to answer as well as frame questions to ask), one person from each team asks a question from a student from the other team. Make sure no one answers more than one question, unless all have had a chance. MATERIALS NEEDED: Handouts 1,2 and 3.

TEST

- o Begin with a prayer.
- Make sure the students do not have their handouts with them. (This is a good moment to stress the importance of putting God first, by preferring to lose marks than to cheat! The aim is to please God, rather than ourselves,)
- If you like, you could allow the students to correct and mark their own papers as you call
 out the answers.

NB. Do not leave the tests with the students afterwards, so that students of subsequent years can use the same test.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Copies of test.

ANSWERS TO TEST

I. Complete the following quotes:

- "O Lord, You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."
 [Saint Augustine]
- 2. "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ" [Saint Jerome]
- 3. "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, carry his cross, and follow me."

 Mark 34-35
- 4. "I am the bread of live those who come to me will never be hungry." [Jesus in John 6:35]
- 5. "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples." [Jesus in Mt 28:19]

II. Mark 'True' or 'False' at the end of each statement:

- 1. Jesus existed before the world was created. True
- 2. Divine Revelation is still going on, as God talks to us. False. Divine Revelation was complete with Christ's coming.
- 3. When Jesus came to the world he was welcomed by all. False.
- 4. God spoke to the prophets in many different ways. True.

III. Pick the correct word from the block below to match the phrases.

- 1. Good news. GOSPEL
- 2. Seeing together. SYNOPTIC
- 3. A person who gives the good news of Jesus. EVANGELIST
- 4. God showing himself to us. DIVINE REVELATION
- 5. The teaching and preaching of the apostles (and their successors) as they handed on the good news. SACRED TRADITION
- 6. Inspired writings contained in the Bible. SACRED SCRIPTURE

IV. Give the names:

- 1. God first revealed himself to them: THE PROPHETS
- 2. Our 'Father in faith': ABRAHAM
- 3. The Old Testament leader who received the Law: MOSES
- 4. God's final and complete 'Word': JESUS CHRIST
- 5. The evangelist who stressed the 'Compassionate Jesus': LUKE
- 6. The gospel writer who wrote for Christians of different backgrounds: JOHN
- 7. The Greek word for 'good news': EUANGELION
- 8. The evangelist who showed Jesus as a 'second Moses': MATTHEW
- 9. The prophet who compared Jesus to a light who came to people in darkness: ISAIAH
- 10. The evangelist who wrote to people who were suffering persecution. MARK

V. Answer briefly:

- 1. How should we read the Bible so that we get to know Jesus and do not go off-track? (Give 3 guidelines)
- 1. While reading scripture, we take into consideration what the writers were trying to say and what God was trying to say through them.
- 2. We also consider the background to the passage: time, place, language, customs, etc.
- 3. At the same time, we must read it with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. We should also make sure we read it with the mind and heart of the Church.

Write an 'Act of Faith'

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins

and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches

because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom,

who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.