# **LESSON 1 – REVELATION**

Prologue; Greeting



#### **DAY 1 – REVELATION 1:1**

- 1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
- **2. a.** Define the term revelation.
  - **b.** What is divine revelation? [See Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 50 (CCC 50)]
  - **c.** Why do you think John used the singular "revelation" in verse 1 rather than the plural?
  - **d.** Why do you think John called it a revelation "of Jesus Christ"? (See also Gal 1:12)
- **3.** Public revelation ceased with the death of the last Apostle. What is the difference between public and private revelation? (See CCC 66-67)
- **4.** According to verse 1, why was the Book of Revelation written?
- **5. a.** What was the role of the angel in today's passage?
  - **b.** List other occasions in Scripture in which an angel acted in this capacity.
- **6. a.** What is an angel? (See CCC 329-330)
  - **b.** When a person dies and enters heaven, does he/she become an angel?

## DAY 2 - REVELATION 1:1-3

- **7. a.** What qualities of John can you infer from verses 1-2 that made him a suitable agent to receive the vision?
  - b. How has your faithfulness led to more responsibilities in secular and spiritual spheres?
    (Personal)
- **8. a.** Who is first described as receiving a blessing in verse 3?
  - **b.** What benefit is there to reading Scripture aloud?
  - c. How does the Church demonstrate its respect for the reading of the Word during the liturgy? (See CCC 1184)
- **9.** According to verse 3, what kind of message is John conveying in the Book of Revelation?
- **10.** What **two** stipulations must be met to receive the second blessing expressed in verse 3?
- **11.** How can we interpret the phrase "the appointed time is near?" (See 2 Pt 3:8)

### **DAYS 3 & 4 - REVELATION 1:4-6**

- **12. a.** John wrote to seven churches. Find other places in Scripture where this number is used.
  - b. The number seven symbolizes completeness. Therefore, to whom is John, in essence, writing?
- **13.** What do you think John means when he says "grace and peace to you"?
- 14. How is each person of the Trinity described in verses 4-5?
- **15.** How is John's description of the Father reminiscent of God's revelation of His name in Exodus 3:14?
- **16.** Tradition holds that the seven spirits refer to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. What are these gifts? (See Is 11:1-3; CCC 1831)
- 17. Why can Jesus be described as: (See also Ps 89:28-30)
  - a. The faithful witness?
  - **b.** The first-born of the dead?
  - c. Ruler of kings on earth?
- **18. a.** What has the shedding of Christ's blood done for us? (See Mt 26:28; CCC 613-614)
  - **b.** Read Revelation 1:5 along with John 15:13. How has your life changed as a result of Jesus' love? **(Personal)**
- **19.** Why does John call us priests? (See 1 Pt 2:5, 9; CCC 1546)
- 20. Find the doxology to the Our Father in today's verses. (See CCC 2855)

## DAY 5 - REVELATION 1:6-8

- **21. a.** How do verses 6-7 relate to Daniel 7:13-14?
  - **b.** When will Jesus come amid the clouds? (See Mt 24:30-31)
- 22. What do the following verses say about the piercing of Jesus?
  - Isaiah 53:5
  - Zechariah 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - John 19:31-37
- **23. a.** Why would people of the earth lament Jesus' coming?
  - **b.** Do you look forward to, or lament the coming of Jesus? (Personal)
- 24. Why do you think the Lord would refer to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega?
- **25. a.** In verse 8, God calls Himself Almighty. What does this mean? (See CCC 268-270)
  - **b.** What does the attribute "Almighty" mean in your personal relationship with God? (Personal)