

1) Death and the Afterlife

1. What do Catholics believe about the importance of death?
2. What do Catholics mean about dying will?
3. What do Catholics believe about euthanasia, assisted suicide and palliative care and hospices?
4. What does sanctity of life mean for Catholics?
5. What arguments do people put forward to legalise euthanasia?
6. Quality of life versus sanctity of life. What does this mean?
7. What are the Catholic beliefs about life after death? What does 1 Corinthians 15 say?
8. What are the Catholic beliefs about the resurrection of the body? The soul?
9. Contrast these beliefs with those who believe there is no life after death.

Key Words / Concepts

- Death
- Eternal life
- Heaven
- Hell
- Judgement
- Magisterium
- Resurrection
- Soul

2) Beliefs: Eschatology

1. Know and explain the following parables which reveal Catholic teachings on heaven and hell.
2. Matthew 18:21-35.
3. Luke 18:21-35.
4. Catholic teaching on purgatory found in 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.

3) Sources: The Magisterium

1. What is the Catholic Magisterium?
2. What does it do?
3. Catholic Magisterium and its exercise in its ordinary and extraordinary forms by Popes (Pontifical) and councils (Conciliar).
4. Know Evangelium Vitae (65)
5. Explain what is the Second Vatican Council? Why is it important?
6. Know the 4 key documents:
 - Dei Verbum: The Word of God
 - Lumen Gentium: The Light of the Peoples
 - Sacrosanctum Concilium: Sacred Council
 - Gaudium et Spes: Joys and Hopes

Life
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4) Forms: Artefacts

1. Know how Christian beliefs about eternal life influenced the iconography in Christian sarcophagi, particularly the sarcophagus with scenes of the Passion in the Museo Pio, Cristiano, Vatican, Rome.
2. How Christian beliefs in the resurrection are expressed in the Paschal Candle used in the Easter Vigil and Catholic Baptism.

5) Forms: Music and the Funeral Rite

1. Know the different types of music used in worship.
2. Know how Faure's Requiem expresses Catholic beliefs about eternal life.
3. The symbols, prayers and texts of the Catholic funeral rite in Britain.
4. How a Catholic funeral reveals Catholic beliefs about life after death.

6) Practices: Prayer

1. What is prayer?
2. What is formulaic and extempore prayer?
3. Be able to explain the Our Father.
4. Why do we pray for the dead and offer masses for the dead?