

We Are Called and Sent

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 23**.

Saul, a Jewish Pharisee, believed in strict observance of the Jewish law. He persecuted followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. Saul's encounter with the risen Jesus Christ led to his conversion to Christianity. **PAGE 196**

After his conversion, Saint Paul preached the Gospel and taught the early Christian communities. He was a missionary and a pastor. He preached the Living Word and realized his life's true mission. **PAGE 198**

Practicing the virtue of poverty requires living without an attachment to material goods. Chastity is respecting our bodies and the bodies of others. Obedience means respecting the authority of parents, teachers, and civil authorities. **PAGE 196**

Saint Paul guided early Christian communities with letters. His Epistles covered the topics of faith, conduct, and other moral issues that still apply today. God's law and the principles of truth do not change. **PAGES 198 AND 199**

Through faith and the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive the grace that we need to take away Original Sin and live a new life in Jesus Christ. **PAGE 197**

The Sacrament of Matrimony, the lifelong union between husband and wife, is a sign of the union between Christ and the Church. **PAGE 199**

Justification is God's saving action that provides a way for us to restore a right relationship with God. The right relationship between God and a person is called righteousness. **PAGE 197**

Men who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders continue the mission entrusted by Christ to his Apostles. The three levels of Holy Orders are deacons, priests, and bishops. A bishop is the head of a diocese and can preside over all seven sacraments. **PAGE 199**

Conversion is turning away from sin and choosing God. A central theme of the Lord's Prayer is conversion because we ask God the Father to help us do his will. We ask to be forgiven by him and promise to forgive others. **PAGE 197**

Both clergy and laity have vocations in life—ways in which God calls them to serve, according to their particular gifts. These witnesses to Christ's presence in the world discover a call to serve others. **PAGE 199**

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