

## **RCIA: Symbolon Lesson 2: Divine Revelation**

### ***We Believe* – Chapter 2: Our Religious Tradition**

† **Opening Prayer:** Father in Heaven, give us the power of your grace that we might always walk in the way You have revealed through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Free us from the darkness of our own desires and bring us into the light of Your truth. Form our lives according to Your will, mold our hearts by Your love. And grant that we might always be open and receptive to the guidance of Your Church. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of God's revelation. Amen.

• **Song: Give Me Ears to Listen**

• **Catechism References for Further Reflection:**

- Revelation and the Plan of Salvation: CCC 50-53
- How God has revealed Himself in the Old Testament: CCC 54-64
- Jesus, the fullness of Revelation: CCC 65-73
- How this Revelation is handed on to us: CCC 74
- Apostolic Tradition: CCC 74-95
- The Magisterium: CCC 84-95

✠ **The end of St. John's Gospel:** *“This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true.*

*But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” (Jn 21: 24-25)*

✠ **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1. In the video, the presenter used the imagery of a three-legged stool to describe how Divine Revelation is handed on. What are the three legs of the stool?**
- 2. What is the “Deposit of the Faith?” What is the Magisterium and what is its job with relation to this “Deposit of Faith?”**
- 3. What is Sacred Tradition? Is there anything in Catholic Sacred Tradition that contradicts anything in Sacred Scripture (the Bible)?**
- 4. What do Catholics mean by “Apostolic Succession?” Why do we believe this is important?**
- 5. What does “sola scriptura” mean? What are your thoughts on it?**
- 6. How do you feel about the authority Christ gave His Church? Does it scare you at all?**

**- Weekly Gospel Reading: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mk. 10:17-27)**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

**Lectio Divina**

1. **Lectio:** Read the passage slowly, perhaps several times. Let a phrase or two catch your attention.
2. **Meditatio:** Reflect on the meaning of the words you have chosen. How is God speaking to you through this reading?
3. **Oratio:** Raise your mind and heart to God, using the message of this reading.
4. **Contemplatio:** Rest quietly in the presence of God.
5. **Actio:** Resolve to change your life in some positive way.

**- Closing Prayer:**

**Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.