Renewal in the Church

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 4, Session 17.

- The Church took the challenges of the Protestant Reformation seriously. It listened to feedback and renewed itself by acting on the call to repent and reform. **PAGE 144**

- During the Council of Trent, Catholic bishops met to offer a collective response to the Protestant Reformation and to determine steps necessary to renew the Catholic Church. **PAGE 144**

- In response to claims made by the Reformers, the Council of Trent affirmed the Church’s teachings on transubstantiation, the Real Presence, and the seven sacraments. **PAGE 145**

- The choice to sin, or to turn away from God, harms our relationship with God and with others. **PAGE 146**

- The Council of Trent inspired the founding of new religious communities, which opened doors for devout Catholics such as Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Jeanne de Chantal. The council encouraged Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once a week. **PAGE 145**

- The seal of the confessional means that the priest to whom we confess our sins can never repeat our sins to anyone. **PAGE 146**

- Mortal and venial sins are types of personal sin. If we make no effort to do better, venial sin can lead to more serious sin. **PAGE 147**

- As a result of the Church’s response to the Reformers, two-thirds of Christians in Europe remained Catholic. **PAGE 145**

- The Ten Commandments are the 10 rules presented by God to Moses at Mount Sinai. They sum up God’s law and teach us what is required to love God and our neighbors. **PAGE 147**

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