

Church Unit 4
Update: *Infallibility and Church Authority*

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Read the Catholic Update: *Infallibility and Church Authority* and complete this worksheet.

1. What is the Magisterium of the Catholic Church?
2. Who is part of the Magisterium?
3. How is the Magisterium a gift to the Church?
4. List the two ways that the supreme authority of the Church can be expressed.
 - a.
 - b.
5. When is the teaching authority of the Church called “extraordinary”?
6. List three ways in which the “ordinary” teaching of the Church is exercised.
7. What is the heart of infallibility?
8. Is the pope’s infallibility a result of his personal characteristics or of his office as pope?

9. How do the bishops share in the infallibility of the pope?

10. Does infallibility mean that the Church can never make a mistake?

11. List the 3 conditions that must be present for an infallible statement of doctrine?
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

12. What can change from time-to-time about an infallible teaching of the Church?

13. If an infallible teaching of the Church must be true, what can we say about a noninfallible teaching of the Church?

14. What should a Catholic presume about a noninfallible, authoritative teaching of the Church?

15. What must the magisterium do in order to be good teachers?

16. Who should the Magisterium listen to?

17. What is our conscience?

18. Make a list of sources of information we should use in our search for truth.

19. How seriously should a Catholic consider the noninfallible teachings of the Church in forming his/her conscience?