

**DAYS 1 & 2 – REVELATION 12:7-9**

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. What broke out in heaven and who was the victor?
3. What do you learn about Michael from the following verses?
  - Daniel 10:21-11:1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Daniel 12:1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jude 9 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Revelation 12:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did the devil deceive the whole world and why? (See Gn 3:1-4; Wis 2:24; Jn 8:44)
5.
  - a. There was no longer any place for Satan in heaven. Why did Satan and the angels fall? (See Is 14:12-15; CCC 392)
  - b. Are they able to repent and return to heaven? Explain. (See CCC 393)
  - c. What do you say to people who claim that Satan doesn't exist?
6. On another level, relate the war in heaven depicted in these verses with the earthly event of Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection. (See Jn 12:31-33; Rv 12:10-11; CCC 2853)
7.
  - a. Why is it important to recognize the spiritual dimension of the evils taking place in society and in our lives?
  - b. Give an example of spiritual battles being fought in the world today.
  - c. What is necessary to win this battle? (See CCC 2849)

**DAYS 3 – REVELATION 12:10-12**

8.
  - a. According to verse 10, what arrived with the defeat of the devil?
  - b. Why do you think the Evil One is also called the "Accuser"?
  - c. How often does Satan accuse us?
9.
  - a. Have you sensed the devil's accusations in your spirit? Explain. **(Personal)**
  - b. How can you tell the difference between the devil's accusations and the Holy Spirit's convictions?
  - c. Satan accuses us, but who stands as our Advocate with the Father? (See Jn 14:26; 1 Jn 2:1-2; CCC 243, 519, 969)
10.
  - a. According to verse 11, how was Satan conquered?

b. Verse 11 states that love for life did not deter them from death. How can love for one's life deter one from giving testimony to the truth?

11. Why should the earth be wary?

12. a. What is the devil's goal? (See 1 Pt 5:8)

b. According to verse 12, why has the devil stepped up his efforts?

### **DAYS 4 & 5 – REVELATION 12:13-18**

13. What is the dragon's first action upon arriving on earth?

14. a. How and to where does the woman escape?

b. Do you have a special place to which you "flee" and pray? **(Personal)**

15. The woman can be seen as a symbol for Israel, the Church and/or the Virgin Mary. When Israel fled into the wilderness/desert how was it cared for and nourished? (Skim Ex 16:1-36)

16. a. In what ways can the world today be likened to a wilderness/desert?

b. How is the Church protected and nourished in this wilderness/desert? (See Jn 6:48-51, 16:13; CCC 2040)

c. What assurance do we have that the Church will never be destroyed? (See Mt 16:18; CCC 869)

17. a. When did Mary flee to protect her child from being "devoured"? (See Mt 2:13-16)

b. How was Mary uniquely protected from the influence of evil? (See CCC 491-493)

18. a. Against whom does Satan wage war today?

b. How is the "woman", as personified in Mary and in the Church, our mother?

• Mary (See Jn 19:26-27; CCC 501)

• The Church (See CCC 2030, 2040)

19. What assurance do you find from the following verses that we can overcome the power of Satan?

• Luke 10:19 \_\_\_\_\_

• Romans 16:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_

• 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 \_\_\_\_\_

• James 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_

• 1 John 5:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

### **FROM EVANGELIUM VITAE (POPE JOHN PAUL II):**

*The dragon wishes to devour "the child brought forth" (cf. Rev 12:4), a figure of Christ... But in a way that child is also a figure of every person, every child, especially every helpless baby whose life is threatened, because-as the Council reminds us-"by his Incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every person". It is precisely in the "flesh" of every person that Christ continues to reveal himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ.*