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BOOK FOUR

MEETING GUIDE

WHY DO WE FOLLOW THE POPE?

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

#141 WHAT IS THE POPE'S RESPONSIBILITY? As successor of St. Peter and head of the bishops, the Pope is the source and guarantor of the Church's unity. He has the supreme pastoral authority and the final authority in doctrinal and disciplinary decisions. He watches over the transmission of the true faith.

#143 IS THE POPE REALLY INFALLIBLE? Yes. But the Pope speaks infallibly only when he makes an authoritative decision in doctrinal questions of faith and morals. The infallibility of the Pope has nothing to do with his moral integrity or his intelligence. What is infallible is actually the Church, for Jesus promised her the Holy Spirit, who keeps her in the truth and leads her ever deeper into it.

#344 WHY DOES THE CHURCH ALSO MAKE DECLARATIONS ABOUT ETHICAL QUESTIONS AND ABOUT MATTERS OF PERSONAL CONDUCT? Believing is a path. One learns how to stay on this path, how to act rightly and to lead a good life, only by following the instructions in the Gospel.

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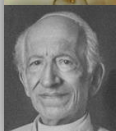
ST LEO THE GREAT (440-461)

Known for his courage against the barbarians who tried to conquer Rome and kill Christians. He received the title "great" because he faced Atila the Hun in battle.



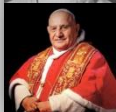
ST GREGORY THE GREAT (590-604)

Known for spreading the catholic faith across Europe, supported doing missions and defeated false doctrines.



POPE PIUS IX (1846-1878)

He was Pope for 32 years, a time when he changed the papacy from being political to a more spiritual power.



POPE LEO XIII (1878-1903)

Known as the Pope of the workers because he fought for just wages, private property and opened schools.



POPE JOHN XXIII (1958-1963)

Known as Good Pope John because of his kindness he began the process in the Vatican Councils to change mass from Latin to other languages.

POPE PAUL VI (1963-1978)

He was the first Pope to travel to different countries by plane. He promoted peace during war time.

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TEAM 20

TALK
ABOUT IT!

DISCUSSION

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT
ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND
HAVING A LEADER THAT
UNITES US ALL? HAS EVER
ASKED YOU ANY OF THE
QUESTIONS YOU DISCUSSED?