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The Good, the Bad, and the Heretical

First Seminar: Foundations of Catholic Doctrine and Early Heresies

Stories of Martyrs

Definitions (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Heresy: the obstinate denial after Baptism of a truth which must be believed with divine and Catholic faith.

Excommunication: A severe ecclesiastical penalty, resulting from grave crimes against the Catholic religion, imposed by ecclesiastical authority or incurred as a direct result of the commission of an offense.

Schism: refusal of submission to the Supreme Pontiff, or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him.

Apostasy: the total repudiation of the Christian faith.

Blasphemy: Speech, thought, or action involving contempt for God or the Church, or persons or things dedicated to God. Blasphemy is directly opposed to the Second Commandment.

Sacrilege: profanation of or irreverence toward persons, places, and things which are sacred, i.e. dedicated to God.

Ecumenical Council: a gathering of all the bishops of the world, in the exercise of their collegial authority over the universal Church. An ecumenical council is usually called by the successor of Saint Peter, the Pope, or at last confirmed or accepted by him.

Synod: a meeting of bishops of an ecclesiastical province or patriarchate to discuss the doctrinal and pastoral needs of the church.

Saint Clement of Rome

- Letter to the Corinthians

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

- Seven letters written in captivity

Docetism

The Didache: the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles

Marcionism

Gnosticism

Saint Justin Martyr

- Apologias

- Dialogue with Trypho the Jew

Saint Irenaeus

- Against Heresies

Montanism

Tertullian

- Apology

- Against Marcion

Origen

- Commentaries